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U.S. soldiers with the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment intercept illegal timber as it is smuggled through the Narang Valley in Kunar province, Afghanistan. Military officials say smuggling timber rather than gems or drugs is more lucrative for militant groups.

Military takes on illegal lumber trade in Afghanistan

By Joseph Giordono

Stars and Stripes

merican military units in Afghanistan's Kunar province are targeting what officials say is one of the most lucrative methods of funding insurgent groups: smuggling timber.

It's been going on for years. But American military officials say the smuggling networks have been "practically untouched" because of a familiar problem — a lack of troops.

"Mostly, the units before us did not have the troop strength that we have to combat the problem," said Lt. Col. Mark O'Donnell, commander of the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, also known as Task Force Chosin.

"Until Afghan officials can get a hold on how to fix this, we'll fix it the best we know how," O'Donnell said in an Army press release. "And that's with strategic operations. In the future, hopefully, things will be different, but for now we will handle the problem as it is." While the military did not provide specific financial figures, officials said the illegal timber trade is even more lucrative than

gem and drug smuggling.

The trade mirrors similar networks funding militant groups in neighboring Pakistan.

In areas like the Swat Valley, Pakistani Taliban members have raised funds through the illegal timber trade, kidnappings for ransom, smuggling drugs and even robbing banks.

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Video of grenade attack released

U.S. military puts footage on Facebook, YouTube

By Jason Straziuso AND AMIR SHAH The Associated Press

KABUL — The U.S. military on Wednesday released a grainy video of a grenade explosion that killed two Afghans and wounded more than 50, while President Hamid Karzai ordered a government investigation into the incident

The video shows about a half dozen soldiers working to free a

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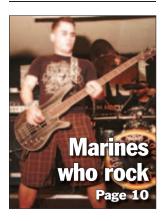
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the town of Asadabad on Tuesday in the northeastern province of Kunar.

A crowd of several dozen Afghans had gathered to watch the soldiers work. Then a bright flash can be seen. The camera zooms out and the Afghans hurriedly flee the crowded marketplace.

Some Afghan witnesses and officials, including Afghanistan's Ministry of Education, accused a U.S. soldier on Tuesday of throwing the grenade. But U.S. military officials and the Ministry of Interior said fragments from a Russian-made grenade were found at the site, and blamed an insurgent in the crowd for throwing the weapon.

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- Petty Officer 1st Class John Parker, on the Navy's changes to its advancement system, which allow sailors to apply points earned downrange toward promotions

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Timber: Strategic outposts have put dent in trade

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The Pakistani military has been fighting in Swat, where a deal had been struck between the government and militants to allow the groups to impose strict Islamic law in exchange for halting attacks

That deal, widely criticized by the U.S. and other nations, collapsed in April, leading to the Pakistani military operations.

Another militant group in eastern Afghanistan, the Haqqani network, also allegedly uses the illegal timber trade to fund its fighters and operations.

The Haqqani network, which is independent of, but allied with, the Afghan Taliban, is considered one of the more sophisticated militant groups in Afghanistan and is alleged to have conducted, among others, the Serena Hotel attacks in January 2008 and the Indian Embassy bombing in Kabul last July.

During the Afghan-Soviet war, the network received funding and training from both Pakistani and American intelligence services. But in more recent years, officials have alleged, the Haggani network has turned to timber smuggling and works closely with foreign militant groups, including al-Oaida.

In Kunar province, American officials said, most of the illegal timber comes from the Korengal Valley and is moved down the Kunar River. The timber is loaded onto the backs of donkeys and transported across the border. In Pakistan, it is used to make expensive furniture.

According to military officials, the timber trade in Kunar has been documented by cameras on American unmanned aerial vehicles, or UAVs.

"We have plenty of footage," Capt. Nathaniel Miller, commander of Company D, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, said in the Army release.

"What we've observed is a well-oiled process. These guys have been doing this for awhile and have their routine down to a science. Although the procedure may seem primitive, it works, and more lumber than we can imagine has been smuggled over the border in this way.'

The unit has constructed "strategic outposts" specifically to tar-

get the timber trade, Miller said.
"The outposts have definitely put a dent in the process," he said. "Smugglers go so far with the wood and realize they can't move with the same ease. They get to that point and simply dump the timber.'

Miller's troops say there's evidence their efforts are working.

"We are also experiencing more focused attacks on our strategic outposts," he said. "The enemy is mad that we are putting a stop to this and are illustrating that through more vicious attacks."

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Grenade: Some witnesses say a U.S. soldier threw grenade

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None of the half dozen U.S. soldiers in the video can be seen throwing a grenade. However, the video does not make clear who may have thrown it.

The U.S. military said the video was taken by a stationary aerial balloon with a camera attached to it. The military, which has increased its use of social networking sites in recent weeks, released the video on Facebook and YouTube.

Karzai ordered his Ministry of Interior and local government officials to dispatch a "high-ranking delegation" to investigate. The statement from Karzai did not explicitly blame U.S. forces for causing the deaths and injuries, but he still used the occasion to chide American forces to be careful around civilians.

"Stressing the need to protect the lives and property of civilians, President Karzai once again reminded the international forces to make every effort to avoid incidents that lead to civilian casualties," the state-

Karzai has long pleaded with U.S. forces to reduce the number of civilian casualties that occur during military operations. However, U.S. officials say Taliban militants often try to cause civilian deaths in the hopes that the negative publicity will harm the U.S. effort in Afghanistan.

Several witnesses and victims wounded in Tuesday's blast told The Associated Press that they saw a U.S. soldier fire a grenade launching weapon. Others said they saw a soldier reach into his pocket and throw a grenade.

Those allegations appear to have been discredited because of the fragment of the Russian grenade that was found, and show the difficult environment U.S. forces face in trying to win over conservative Afghan tribes that live near the Pakistan border.



Afghans gather near the site of an explosion that happened in Asadabad, the capital of Kunar province, east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on Tuesday. The explosion in a crowded bazaar near a convoy of U.S. troops in northeastern Afghanistan killed one Afghan child Tuesday and wounded about 50 people, many of them children, officials said.

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Marine judge clarifies rules on 'legal' drugs

Ruling in Okinawa case points to modification of code that bans being high

By David Allen and Cindy Fisher

Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — A recent ruling by a Marine judge serves as a warning to any servicemember who is caught with one of the many "legal" herbs and de-signer drugs that haven't been banned by military officials yet.

Just because a substance may not be technically illegal doesn't mean its use or distribution is not punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Lt. Col. David Jones ruled during the court-martial of Lance Cpl. Dante Robert Larry last

During Larry's three-day trial, the defense argued that Spice, a herbal alternative to marijuana sold in head shops as incense or an air freshener, was not banned by Marines at the time Larry distributed the substance on Camp Courtney in December 2007

But Jones denied the defense's motion to

dismiss the charges, stating that the Department of Defense had modified Article 112 of the UCMJ several years ago to cover such cases.

The modification was made when it became apparent to Defense officials that there were substances being marketed that had not yet been made illegal that could impair a servicemember's ability to perform their duty. Jones said.

To cover such cases, Article 112a covers both drinking alcohol and being high - no matter the source of the high — while on

Jones ruled that possessing such a substance and intending to distribute it with the intent to get high was a violation of Ar-

ticle 112a.

He likened it to glue sniffing — owning glue is not illegal, but the act of sniffing glue could be deemed so, he said.

The seven-member jury panel found Larry guilty and sentenced him to six months in the brig and a bad-conduct

During testimony at Larry's court-mar-tial, Special Agent Michael Cote of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service said unit commanders had asked NCIS to investigate the use of the herb early last year "because it has been widely abused and seen to be a problem."

The charges against Larry - conspiracy, violation of a general order, and possession and distribution of Spice — stemmed from that investigation.

Cote said users claim it can be 80 to 100 times more potent than marijuana.

In September, Marine Corps Base Japan prohibited the use, possession and distribution of Spice and other "legal" drugs on all Marine bases in Japan.

The Army followed suit on Okinawa in October, said Chip Steitz, 10th Support Group public affairs officer.

"We have developed a very proactive program informing our servicemembers and their families about the use of these products," Steitz said. "Concerning specific cases, these represent ongoing investigations and therefore we cannot discuss issues relating to potential punitive actions.

The "legal" drugs banned on other bases in Japan vary, with Spice specifically listed on some, but not others. For example, the Navy bans Spice on all of its bases in Japan, including its detachment at Misawa Air Base, where the Air Force does not specifically name spice.

Kadena Air Base does not name Spice, but bans another substance, called Salvia.

But even if a substance is not specifically banned, servicemembers can be charged and found guilty under Article 112a.

The ban of Spice and other "legal" highs on Marine and Navy bases in Japan supplements Secretary of Navy Instruction 5300.28D, issued in 2005, which prohibits abusing lawful substances, such as cough syrup and computer keyboard cleaners to produce "intoxication, excitement or stupefaction of the nervous system.'

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A Yokosuka Naval Base resident looks at the Naval Criminal Investigative Service's poster on base Wednesday. The base NCIS is looking for information related to two separate bomb hoaxes on the base.

NCIS probes Yokosuka hoaxes

By David J. Carter Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Two bomblike devices have been discovered here in the past nine months, according to the base's Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

Both devices were ultimately determined to be hoaxes and contained no explosive residue, said a base NCIS agent, who requested anonymity due to the nature of his job.

"Looking at them, they did give the appearance of an explosive device," he said.

The discoveries took place in the Ships Repair Facility area of the base. The first was found in October near the waterfront and the second on April 21 near a fenced-in power transformer, the

The base's explosive ordnance

disposal team, the security department and military working dog teams were called to inspect the devices.

NCIS has reached out to the public for information, the agent said, by placing posters around the base asking people to report any information that might be pertinent.

NCIS officials said they are running the investigation but are working closely with law enforcement agencies.

"Even though the incident was a hoax, it's a violation of a federal law, so it has to be taken seriously and investigated as if it was a real device," the agent said.

Base public affairs specialist Ben Avey said Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka is supporting NCIS in its investigation but could not comment on the case because the investigation is ongoing.

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Yokota adopting new base dorm requirements

By Bryce S. Dubee Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan Single servicemembers in grades E-6 and below moving to Yokota this summer will no longer be able to live off-base, officials announced.

Under Pacific Air Forces guidance, Yokota will be adopting a policy known as "constrained housing," which mandates that all single servicemembers as-signed to Yokota in grades E-1 through E-6 will be required to live in the dorms, 374th Airlift Wing spokeswoman 1st Lt. Tania

M. Bryan said Wednesday.

"Really the biggest change is for E-5s and E-6s," she said, ex-

plaining that before the policy change servicemembers in those grades had the option to live off-base.

Information regarding policy change has already been sent out to unit first sergeants on Yokota.

The policy goes into effect July 1 and will affect only new troops arriving at Yokota, she said.

"Those already off-base will be allowed to stay off-base," Bryan said. Newly arrived married E-5s and E-6s will still have the option of living off-base.

Anyone already living off-base who is interested in moving onto Yokota can do so, she said, with the Air Force picking up the tab.
"It's not only a cost-saving mea-

sure; it's also to increase dorm occupancy rates," Bryan said.

Yokota has about an 82 percent dorm occupancy rate; the PACAF goal is 95 percent occupancy. Bryan said troops moving onto

Yokota will be issued individual NCO dorm units. The units are between 500 and 600 square feet with a bedroom, living room, kitchen, private bathroom and parking space.

"Overall, this is a good thing," Bryan said. "We're still taking care of our airmen and saving the Air Force money.'

For more information about the policy, contact the Housing Management Flight at DSN 225-8045.

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Atsugi XO gets 'wet-down' before departing



Naval Air Facility Atsugi's executive officer. Cmdr. James K. Selkirk Jr., attempts to run away from two streams of water during his wet-down ceremony Tuesday. The ceremony was in commemoration of Selkirk's last flight at NAF Atsugi before transferring to Air University at Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base

Air Force changes fitness standards

Test will be administered biannually

By JEFF SCHOGOL Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Beginning in January, airmen will have to take physical fitness tests twice a year to help make fitness a way of life, Air Force officials said Wednesday.

Wednesday. "Doing it once a year lends us to having some [airmen] that they just go out and they try to pass that test once a year, and we don't want that because that puts them in a risk factor for their own health," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley.

In another change, cardiovascular fitness will make up 60 percent of an airman's score, up from 50 percent, said Lt. Gen. Richard Y. Newton III, deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel. The body composition component will drop from 30 percent to 20 percent.

Newton described a hierarchy of fitness, which took shape after the service sought input from fitness experts.

experts.

"The hierarchy starts with cardiovascular aerobic," he said. "The secondary piece of that is with body composition. The third is muscle fitness, starting first and foremost with the core area, your stomach area, and then with push-ups."

The tests will be administered

The tests will be administered by civilians at central locations and will continue to be pass/fail, requiring a minimum score of 75 to pass, officials said.

The changes announced Wednesday resulted from an internal audit last year that found the Air Force needed to do a better job admin-

istering its fitness program, said Brig. Gen. Darrell D. Jones, director of force management policy.

Following the audit's release, Pacific Air Forces made testing more neutral by putting PACAF health and wellness center staff members in charge of administering the test.

U.S. Air Forces in Europe decided to wait until the Air Force issued a new policy before implementing sweeping changes in its fitness program, USAFE officials said at the time.

One of the audit's findings was that the Air Force was not measuring waist lengths consistently, Jones said.

"You had a person who was probably taping them too tight; somebody else may be taping them too loose," said Jones, who will soon be major general.

Full-time test administrators will be trained to give the exam uniformly, and that should yield better results, he said.

Right now, only 3.77 percent of active-duty airmen fail, but the Air Force expects that number to go up once the new standards go into effect. Jones said.

"Ít'll increase because we're gonna have consistency and objectivity," he said. "I think initially that's going to drive a higher failure rate"

But he also said he expected airmen to "rise to the challenge to meet the new standard."

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First Lt. Casey Ralston counts out push-ups for Lt. Col. James Sheridan during an Air Force fitness test in May at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

Obama taps Westphal for Army undersecretary post

ORONO, Maine — President Barack Obama is tapping former University of Maine System Chancellor Joseph Westphal to serve as undersecretary of the Army.

Obama made the announcement Tuesday night.

Westphal, currently a UMaine political science professor, previously served briefly as acting secretary of the Army in 2001, and he served as assistant secretary of the Army for civil works from 1998 to 2001. In addition, he served on Obama's transition team for the Department of Defense.

Before coming to Maine, he served in a number of high-level government positions. He most recently was provost of The New School in New York City.

From The Associated Press



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Residents of Aroma, Uganda, look on as Seabees from the U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion-11, Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa grade the area surrounding a bridge under construction. The Navy has changed its advancement system to ensure all sailors have an equal shot at promotion and are not disadvantaged by tours of duty downrange.

Sailors can apply points earned downrange toward promotions

By Sandra Jontz Stars and Stripes

The Navy has changed its advancement system to ensure all sailors have an equal shot at promotion and are not disadvantaged by tours of duty

The changes are meant to correct a system in which sailors who performed exceptionally well at their home stations did not earn award points while downrange. Now, sailors who have maxed out their award points will be able to apply the additional points earned downrange toward promotions, officials said. Points are awarded for, among other things, commendation medals and citations.

Before the change, junior sailors could earn a maximum of 10 award points, but any additional points they earned could not be applied in their attempts for advancement. Now, sailors in paygrades E-4 and E-5 can earn a maximum of 12 award points, including downrange service, and E-6 sailors can earn up to 14 award points.

"Recently, we were presented with situations in which sailors who already received the maximum award points ... were maxed out and wouldn't get the two points for being in theater," said Capt. Eugene Jones, branch head for Enlisted Force Shaping Plans and Policies in Washington, D.C. "This allows those in theater not to be excluded.

"For quite some time, we have been monitoring the advancement rates for in-theater sailors, and we were concerned. We want to prevent in-theater sailors from being disadvantaged in the advancement process."

The changes apply to sailors deployed for 90 consecutive days or more to Iraq; Afghanistan; Horn of Africa; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Joint Task Force 515 in the Pacific, and Joint Special Task Force-Philippines.

"This is huge. Any time you can give something to those who are putting their lives on the line on a daily basis ... it's important," said Petty Officer 1st Class John Parker, 34, who spent three, seven-month tours in Iraq. "They deserve any kind of benefit they can get because of the situation they're in."

The award points are but one portion of a sailor's overall package for advancement. Other factors include test results and performance evaluations.

The changes, highlighted in a May message to troops, come on the heels of other efforts to ensure that deployed sailors are not disadvantaged in relation to their peers. The Navy made changes to its

Sailors who served in Bahrain out-advanced their peers Navywide

Junior sailors at Naval Forces Central Command in Bahrain did exceptionally well in the last advancement cycle, out-advancing their peers Navywide 3-to-1, officials said.

More than 60 percent of a dozen petty officers third class were selected for advancement, and more than 20 percent of the 66 petty officers second class were selected, a result that is more than double the Navy average, officials said.

"It's got a little to do with the area, which is very conducive for studying," said Chief Petty Officer Thomas Butler Jr., the fleet force career counselor in Bahrain. A majority of the sailors serve on one-year, unaccompanied tours. "They are away from families and therefore not coming home to the 'honey-do' lists or something to that effect."

Sailors in the intelligence specialist rating—the Navy term for job—did better than most, Butler said. "They're working in their rate, using high-technology equipment, and they're doing it every day," he said.

Navywide, the advancement rate from E-4 to E-5 (petty officer third class to petty officer second class) was 21.6 percent; and the advancement rate to E-6 was 9.8 percent.

- Sandra Jontz

advancement program in 2005 following a study by the Center For Naval Analysis that reported sailors in Individual Augmentee status — instances when one sailor deploys, as opposed to having an entire unit deploy — were less likely to advance than their nondeployed peers.

Other changes include the 2005 creation of the Combat Meritorious Advancement Program, which allows commanders to automatically promote junior enlisted sailors if they performed with uncommon valor while deployed; reduced the required number of consecutive days served from 179 to 90 in order to take advantage of changes; and waived the advancement exam for petty officers first class vying for chief.

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Defense Secretary Robert Gates, right, and Joint Chiefs Chairman Adm. Michael Mullen testify on Capitol Hill in Washington on Tuesday before the Senate Appropriations Defense subcommittee hearing on the Defense Department's fiscal 2010 budget.

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House panel orders cuts to 2010 defense budget

By Andrew Taylor
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A key House of Representatives panel ordered a \$3.5 billion cut from President Barack Obama's defense budget Tuesday while setting the stage for big increases for domestic programs favored by Democrats.

In kicking off action on 12 annual spending bills that set agency operating budgets, the House Appropriations Committee also unveiled legislation generously boosting the House's own budget while adopting a \$64.3 billion measure funding the Commerce and Justice departments and the space program.

The flurry of action came as an overdue \$100 billion war funding bill remained stuck in House-Senate talks. House Appropriations Committee Chairman David Obey, a Democrat, warned that a battle over language governing Obama's planned closing of the prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, is a main reason the war funding bill is "likely to be hung up for some time into the future."

Even so, the panel is moving ahead with spending bills likely to occupy the House for the next several weeks in an effort to get the annual appropriations process back on track after years of battles with former President George W. Bush.

Republicans protested the course of spending set by Obama and his Democratic allies in Washington, including a 4 percent increase for defense

they deem inadequate. Nondefense accounts, led by foreign aid, the Interior Department's budget and transportation and housing programs would get increases averaging 12 percent, according to Republican calculations.

The cuts to Obama's defense budget will be fleshed out when the defense subcommittee unveils its bill next month. Tuesday's action cut the amount of money the panel will have to work with.

The Commerce and Justice bill approved by voice vote Tuesday more than doubles the budget for the Bureau of the Census as the government ramps up for next year's decennial count.

In addition, the bill contains about \$640 million worth of parochial projects sought by lawmakers for grants to local law enforcement, anti-gang centers and programs to fight methamphetamine, among others

The measure also would save a program that helps states with the cost of incarcerating criminal illegal immigrants from Obama's budget ax.

Earlier Tuesday, the legislative branch subcommittee approved a 7 percent increase for Congress' own budget, maintaining a pattern in which Congress awards itself budget increases easily exceeding inflation.

The new budget year starts Oct. 1, though Congress is unlikely to meet the deadline. Lawmakers are optimistic, however, of passing the 12 bills separately by the time Congress adjourns.

Gates: Russia sees Iran missile threat

By Lara Jakes
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Prospects for a U.S.-Russian partnership on a missile defense system have improved slightly as Moscow grows increasingly concerned about Iran, Defense Secretary Robert

Gates said Tuesday. He told senators that U.S. offers to put radar or data exchange centers in Russia are among the options being discussed.

Gates recounted a meeting he had with Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin during which the then-president "basically dismissed the idea that the Iranians would have a missile that would have the range to reach much of western Europe and much of

Russia before 2020 or so."

"And he showed me a map that his intelligence guys had prepared," Gates told a Senate Appropriations panel. "I told him he needed a new intelligence service."

He did not say when the meeting occurred.

But Gates added: "The fact of the matter is, the Russians have come back to us and acknowledged that we were right in terms of the nearness of the Iranian missile threat, and that they had been wrong. And so my hope is we can build on that."

Russian and U.S. officials are working intensively on a successor deal to the 1991 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, or START I, which expires in December. Negotiators are aiming for some results by July 6-8 when Russian President Dmitry Medvedev hosts President Barack Obama in Moscow.

Obama has delayed previous plans by the Bush administration to build a small missile defense system in Poland and the Czech Republic, with the aim of intercepting missiles from Iran targeted at the West. Russia prefers that Washington scrap the system altogether.

Gates called the chance of making progress toward a deal "somewhat improved" but did not explicitly say why, or what concessions the United States might be prepared to make.

Third parties foot bill for \$26M of Pentagon employees' travel

The Associated Pres

WASHINGTON — Pentagon employees have received millions of dollars in free travel and lodging from foreign countries, trade groups and companies with an interest in shaping policies or doing business with the U.S. military.

Defense officials say the arrangement is legal, saves taxpayers money and is carefully monitored to ensure there are no conflicts of interest. But government watchdogs say it allows donors to subtly exert influence for a small investment compared with the potential gain.

Between 1998 and 2007, hundreds of outside sources, including athletic shoemaker Nike Inc., the Chinese government and pharmaceutical giant Johnson & Johnson, footed the bill for more than 22,000 trips at a cost of \$26 million, according to an analysis

of government travel disclosure records by the Center for Public Integrity in Washington.

The Defense Department is allowed to accept paid travel on behalf of employees. The event must be related to an employee's official duties. Employees cannot solicit trips.

"We have a fiscal responsibility to take every opportunity to reduce government expenses on travel," said Eric Rishel, a senior attorney in the Pentagon general counsel's office.

But Winslow Wheeler, direc-

But Winslow Wheeler, director of the Straus Military Reform Project at the Center for Defense Information, says the Defense Department should pay its own way to eliminate the perception of any impropriety.

"This isn't even pocket change for the Pentagon," Wheeler said of the \$26 million. "It's loose money under the couch cushions."

Suspect in recruit killing not aware of more attacks

The Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The Muslim convert accused of killing a soldier outside an Army recruiting center said Wednesday he is not aware of any similar attacks planned against the military on American soil.

Abdulhakim Muhammad of Little Rock told The Associated Press FBI agents visited him in the Pulaski County Jail and asked if other attacks were planned. Muhammad said he told the agents that he wasn't aware of

any specific plans. However, he warned of danger ahead

"I don't know anything that's in the works," Muhammad said in a collect telephone call from the jail. "We're not going to turn the other cheek. It's definitely not the end of it."

On Tuesday, Muhammad, 23, said he didn't consider the June 1 killing a murder because U.S. military action in the Middle East made the killing justified.

"I do feel I'm not guilty," he

Lawmaker's bill would reform military pay

CONCORD, N.H. — New Hampshire Rep. Carol Shea-Porter has introduced a bill that she says would reform an unfair payment schedule for military servicemembers.

Shea-Porter says payment errors are especially prevalent among the Reserves and Guard because of their frequent duty status changes. She says when an overpayment does occur, there's little flexibility for servicemembers to negotiate repayment rates because the government expects rapid repayment.

35 Gls from Fort Eustis deploying to Kuwait

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. — About 35 soldiers from Fort Eustis are heading to Kuwait for a yearlong deployment.

Fort Eustis said a departure ceremony was set for 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at Jacobs Theater.

Two crews of the 97th Transportation Company will provide naval operations support in the Persian Gulf.

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U.S.: Afghan airstrike kills militant leader

By Jason Straziuso and Amir Shah The Associated Press

KABUL - The U.S. military on Wednesday said an airstrike in western Afghanistan killed a militant commander with reported links to Iran's elite military Quds Force. An Afghan official said fighting elsewhere killed 30 Taliban.

The airstrike Tuesday in the west-ern province of Ghor targeted a warlord named Mullah Mustafa, whom the U.S. military said was responsible for attacks on a nearby highway. The military said 16 of Mustafa's men were also killed.

The U.S. said Mustafa commanded about 100 fighters and "reportedly had

connections to" the Iranian Revolutionary Guard's elite Quds Force, which is known to train Shiite militants from Middle Eastern countries.

A U.S. military spokeswoman, Lt. Cmdr. Christine Sidenstricker, said that the military was not implying that Mustafa had links with Iran's government, but that individual militants in Afghanistan may have links with individual militants in Iran.

"We're not implying with this release that Iran the state is supporting the Taliban," Sidenstricker said. "Our intelligence suggests that Mustafa has relations with the Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard

Sidenstricker said shec ould not provide

any more details for security reasons, including whether Mustafa had gotten weapons, training or fighters from the Quds

The strike was likely carried out by an American Special Operations Forces team, although Sidenstricker said she could not

say what force carried out the strike.

An official in Ghor, deputy Gov. Karimuddin Rezazada, said Mustafa had links with the Taliban and was behind a string of attacks on the highway.

Taliban extremists are Sunni and have in the past been opposed to Iran's government.

Rezazada said that Mustafa was a Sunni Muslim, not a Shiite Muslim like most Iranians. Asked whether Mustafa had links with the Quds Brigade, Rezazada said: "Maybe yes, maybe no. We're not aware of that.'

Western officials have previously accused militants in Iran of supplying militants in Afghanistan with weapons, but no top U.S. official has accused Iran's government of supporting the Taliban.

In other violence, a three-day operation against Taliban fighters in southern Uruzgan province killed 30 militants, said provincial police chief Juma Gul Himat. Himat said officials found 5,070 pounds of explosives during the operation. Two police were killed, he said.



Men carry the coffin of a person killed in a car bombing in Bathaa, near Nasariyah, about 200 miles southeast of Baghdad, on Wednesday. A car bomb ripped through a market there, killing and wounding dozens, officials said.

Explosion kills about 30 at an Iraqi market

By Hamid Ahmed The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A car bomb ripped through a market in southern Iraq's Shiite heartland Wednesday as shoppers were buying meat and vegetables, killing about 30 people and wounding dozens more, officials said.

While the predominantly Shiite south has been plagued by fighting between rival militias, massive blasts such this are quite rare. The last such bombing was in November 2003 when a suicide truck bomber attacked the headquarters of Italian forces stationed there.

The blast, which is the signature attack of al-Qaida in Iraq, is the latest in a series of high-profile explosions that have raised concerns about a resurgence of violence as the U.S. military faces a June 30 deadline to withdraw from urban areas in Iraq.

The explosives-laden car detonated at 9 a.m. in the center of the commercial area, according to police, in the town of Bathaa, near the provincial capital of Nasiriyah, about 200 miles southeast of Baghdad.

Witnesses blamed lax security measures.

"We never expected such an explosion to occur here," said Amir Talib, 28, who witnessed the bombing and helped evacuate casualties in the aftermath. "It is a big security failure."

Haidar al-Ghizi, a town council member, said police are supposed

to search cars in the area.
"I don't know how this car got through," he said. "There has been negligence and poor performance from police."

No one has yet claimed responsibility for the attack.

Officials gave conflicting death tolls Wednesday, blaming the confusion on the mangled state of many of the bodies.

Council member al-Ghizi said 30 people were killed and 70 others were wounded.

Sajad Sharhan, the head of the security committee for the surrounding Dhi Oar province, said 29 people were killed and 55 wounded.

Dhi Qar province was the second province to be transferred from U.S.-led coalition control to the Iraqis in September 2006.

U.S. scales down Iraq detainee operations

Stars and Stripes

The gradual U.S. drawdown in Iraq has cut the number of troops running detainee operations from two brigades to one, officials said this week

As the military seeks to transfer all detainees to Iraqi control in the coming month, officials say the reduced numbers will affect operations.

"It's not easy doing the same work with fewer people, but we are committed to being good partners with the Government of Iraq and adhering to the Security Agreement," Brig. Gen. David Quantock, commander of Task Force 134, which runs detainee operations, said in a written statement.
"The number of detainees in Coalition custody

continues to reach new lows not seen in years, and even with fewer guards and staff, we will continue to safely and humanely carry out our important mission until we can hand off detention operations to the Government of Iraq next year."

The number of troops assigned to Task Force 134 has decreased by 2.186 since Jan. 1, officials said.

The 89th Military Police Brigade, from Fort Hood, Texas, now is in charge of running the day-to-day operations at camps Cropper, Bucca and Taji, the three major U.S. detention facilities in Iraq. Each of those facilities is scheduled to be closed or turned over to the Iraqi government by Aug. 31, 2010.

There are currently 11.057 detainees in U.S. custody, down from a high of 26,000 at the height of the 'surge" of U.S. troops.

Officials have said that when the total detainee population drops below 8,000, Camp Bucca will close and all detainees will be held at Camps Cropper and Taji.



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IN THE WORLD



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Pakistani army soldiers on Wednesday stand next to debris of the Peshawar Pearl Continental hotel after a portion of the building collapsed following Tuesday's suicide bombing in Peshawar.

Evidence sought in Pakistan luxury hotel bombing

By RIAZ KHAN The Associated Press

PESHAWAR, Pakistan — Investigators searched a wrecked luxury hotel in northwestern Pakistan for evidence Wednesday after a brazen suicide bombing killed 11 people, including aid workers, in what the U.N. condemned as a "heinous terrorist attack."

No one immediately claimed responsibility for late Tuesday's bombing of the Peshawar Pearl Continental, but the blast followed Taliban threats to carry out major attacks in large cities to avenge an army offensive against insurgents in the nearby Swat Valley.

The government is trying to build public support for offensives against the Taliban, and reaction was swift with calls for harsh punishment for the attackers. "This is a war, but the people of this country will not bow to the cowardly acts of terrorists. People are now seeing the real face of those who have been exploiting them in the name of Islam," North West Frontier Province senior minister Bashir Ahmad Bilour told reporters. "We will fight this war till our last breath. They cannot break us. The whole nation is united."

Mohammad Zubair, 32, a human resource employee with a construction company in Lahore, called the Taliban "a mafia of criminals."

At least three suicide attackers shot their way past guards and set off the explosion outside the hotel, a favorite spot for foreigners and well-off Pakistanis and a site that the U.S. was considering for its consulate.

Alleged police brutality probed in Great Britain

The Associated Press

LONDON — Britain's police watchdog investigated brutality allegations Wednesday against six London officers who were suspended over claims they abused suspects arrested in drug raids.

Media reported the officers used torture techniques including a variation on waterboarding, or simulated drowning, and dunked suspects' heads in buckets of water.

The Independent Police Complaints Commission said it was investigating "the conduct and actions of six police officers during the execution of two drugs

warrants at addresses in north London on November 4, 2008."

The Metropolitan Police force confirmed the six officers were suspended over their conduct during the arrests of five people in the London borough of Enfeld in November. The force would not comment on the specific nature of the allegations.

London Mayor Boris Johnson said the allegations were "extremely serious and need to be thoroughly investigated."

The force said that, if allegations of wrongdoing were proved true, "the strongest possible action will be taken."

U.S., six other nations OK sanctions on North Korea

By Edith M. Lederer

The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Seven key nations have agreed on tough new U.N. sanctions against North Korea for defying the U.N. Security Council and conducting a second nuclear test, diplomats said Wednesday.

Ambassadors from the five permanent Security Council nations
— the U.S., China, Russia, Britain
and France — and the two countries most closely affected by the
test, Japan and South Korea,
reached agreement on the draft
U.N. resolution after two weeks of
closed-door negotiations, the diplomats said.

Past sanctions, however, have had little effect in dissuading the North from pursuing its nuclear ambitions.

The diplomats spoke on condition of anonymity ahead of the presentation of the draft resolution to the 15-member Security Council late Wednesday morning. Since the draft already has support from the five veto-wielding members, its adoption is virtually certain.

The draft, obtained by The Associated Press, would expand an arms embargo against North Korea, seek to curtail the North's financial dealings with the outside world and freeze assets of additional North Korean companies.

It would also authorize searches of ships on the high seas suspected of carrying banned weapons and nuclear material pending approval from the nation whose flag the ship was flying.

If the country doesn't give its consent — a virtual certainty if it was a North Korean ship — the flag nation is required to direct the vessel to proceed to "an appropriate and convenient port for the required inspection by the local authorities."

The draft resolution does not authorize the use of force to compel a ship to port.

North Korea has bristled at any talk of sanctions.

On Monday, Pyongyang's main Rodong Sinmun newspaper said the country will consider any sanctions a declaration of war and will respond to it with "due corresponding self-defense measures."

On Tuesday, North Korea said it would use nuclear weapons in a "merciless offensive" if provoked.

N. Korea reportedly using accounts illegally

SEOUL — South Korea has informed the U.S. of up to 20 overseas bank accounts suspected of being used by North Korea for counterfeiting, money laundering and other illegal transactions, a report said Wednesday.

report said Wednesday.

The move came as Washington considered punishing the North with its own financial sanctions apart from proposed U.N. sanctions.

South Korea gave the U.S. in-

South Korea gave the U.S. information about some 10 to 20 North Korean bank accounts in China and Switzerland at Washington's request, South Korea's Chosun Ilbo newspaper reported, citing an unidentified government official.

South Korea's spy agency, the National Intelligence Service, the Foreign Ministry and the Finance Ministry said they could not confirm the report.

Analysts say North Korea has an exclusive department, known as Room 39 or Bureau 39, to control illicit business activities such as counterfeiting, drug smuggling and weapons sales.

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IN THE STATES

Gunman kills guard at U.S. Holocaust Museum

Suspect, 88, has ties to white supremacist groups

By NAFEESA SYEED AND DAVID ESPO The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An 88year-old gunman with a violent and virulently anti-Semitic past opened fire with a rifle inside the crowded U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum on Wednesday, fatally wounding a security guard before being shot himself by other officers, authorities said.

The assailant was hospitalized in critical condition, leaving behind a sprawling investigation by federal and local law enforcement. Washington Police Chief Cathy Lanier said the gunman was "engaged by security guards immediately after entering the door" with a rifle. "The second he stepped into the building he began firing."

Law enforcement officials said James W. von Brunn, a white supremacist, was under investigation in the shooting and that his car was found near the museum and tested for explosives. The weapon was a .22-caliber rifle, they added. They spoke on condition of anonymity, saying they were not authorized to discuss the investigation just beginning.

Officials identified the dead guard as Stephen Tyrone Johns, 39, a six-year veteran of the facility who lived in Temple Hills, Md. Museum Director Sara Bloomfield said he "died heroically in the line of duty."

At the White House, just

At the White House, just blocks away from the museum, President Barack Obama said, "This outrageous act reminds us that we must remain vigilant against anti-Semitism and prejudice in all its forms. No American institution is more important to this effort than the Holocaust Museum, and no act of violence will diminish our determination to honor those who were lost by

building a more peaceful and tolerant world." fice this month in Arkansas and a fellow soldier was wounded.

Von Brunn has a racist, anti-Semitic Web site and wrote a book titled "Kill the Best Gentiles," alleging a Jewish "conspiracy to destroy the white gene pool."

In 1983, he was convicted of attempting to kidnap members of the Federal Reserve Board and served more than six years in prison. He was arrested two years earlier outside the room where the board was meeting, carrying a revolver, knife and sawed-off shotgun. At the time, police said von Brunn wanted to take the members hostage because of high interest rates and the nation's economic difficulties.

Writings attributed to von Brunn on the Internet say the Holocaust was a hoax and decry a Jewish conspiracy to "destroy the white group one".

the white gene pool."
The museum, which opened in 1993 and has drawn nearly 30 million visitors, was crowded with schoolchildren and other tourists at the time of the attack, but they all escaped injury in the outburst of violence.

Ashley Camp, 14, of Forsyth, Ill., on a field trip with more than 40 other students, said she heard two or three gunshots. Soon after, she recalled, a security guard ordered the group to run to the exit.

"We had to sprint as fast as we could out the door," she said. "I thought it was the movie (part of a museum exhibit), but then everyone started screaming and running."

The attack was the third in a recent wave of unsettling shootings that appeared to have political or ethnic underpinnings.

A 23-year-old Army private, William Andrew Long, was shot and killed outside a recruiting office this month in Arkansas and a fellow soldier was wounded. The suspect, a Muslim convert, has said he considers the killing justified because of the U.S. military presence in the Middle East.

Late last month, abortion provider Dr. George Tiller was shot to death in his church.

Within minutes after the attack, federal agents were dispatched to von Brunn's home in Annapolis, Md., to check his computer. Joseph Persichini, assistant director in charge of the Washington FBI field office, said the shootings were being investigated as a possible hate crime or a case of domestic terrorism.

According to a relative, von Brunn attended Washington University in St. Louis and is an artist.

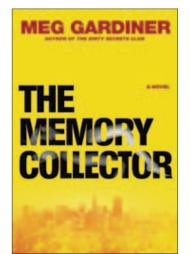
He was commissioned as a naval officer decades ago, and discharged from the Navy in 1956.



GERALD HERBERT/AP

A helicopter flies over the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington on Wednesday. Authorities said a gunman opened fire at the museum, killing a guard.

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Fiat takes helm of troubled Chrysler

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Italy's Fiat is the new owner of most of Chrysler's assets, closing a deal Wednesday that saves the troubled U.S. automaker from liquidation and places a new company in the hands of Fiat's CEO.

The deal clears the way for a new, leaner Chrysler Group LLC to emerge from bankruptcy protection minus billions in debt, 789 underperforming dealerships and burdensome labor costs that nearly sank the storied automaker.

Fiat CEO Sergio Marchionne immediately was named CEO of the new company, which said in a statement that it would soon reopen Chrysler factories that were idled during the bankrupt-cy process.

"Work is already under way on developing new environmentally friendly, fuel-efficient, high-quality vehicles that we intend to become Chrysler's hallmark going forward," the new company said.

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or almost two years, Beyond the Ruins were the metalcore masters of the Okinawa mosh pits. By day, they were ordinary Marines. But on Friday nights, they'd morph, partying like rock stars and playing some of the island's biggest clubs.

"Go out, get hammered, and play shows," is how lead guitarist John Brooks described a typical weekend in an email. "[We] made it a point to have at minimum 6 beverages before (and during) a show. Great times!"

But as anyone who's seen VH-1's "Behind the Music" knows, the great times never last.

It wasn't infighting, drug use or inflated egos that tore Beyond the Ruins apart, though. It was the military. Brooks and guitarist John Sisich are now stateside. Drummer Efrain "Tony D" Diaz and bassist Jason O'Hearn are deployed to Afghanistan. The only band member still on Okinawa is lead singer Mencho Cantu, and his tour ends in

If you've seen "Behind the Music," you know what happens next. Some twist of fate rescues the band from obscurity, makes them relevant again.

That twist came just weeks after their last Okinawa gig, when Playboy named Beyond the Ruins to its Top 10 "Battle of the Battle Bands" list.

"I liked the fact that they are somewhat off the grid," said Jack Boulware, the freelance journalist who wrote the article, in an e-mail to Stars and Stripes. "No other band I featured had their own MySpace page, or pushed to record as many original songs. Also, they seemed to me to be writing and performing music for their peers, not as part of an obligation to soothe the eardrums of admirals' wives at an

ficial luncheon. Although unleashing them into that scenario, at full volume, would be quite interest-

ing."
The other nine bands on the list are "show bands" of professional

Playboy gives exposure to Okinawa-based band

military musicians. Beyond the Ruins, on the other hand, advertises itself as "metal hardcore thrash" on its MySpace page. They do covers of metalcore bands As I Lay Dying, Killswitch Engage, Atreyu and System of a Down, as well as about 10 songs Cantu and Brooks wrote.

Personally, I think the Playboy Article was a really big punch in the face from reality!" Sisich said in an e-mail from San Diego, where he is now stationed. "I knew people loved our music and performance, but Playboy!!??'

'I was stunned that our band was going to be in such a big magazine," he said. "It was a great way to get publicity for us. I know we all dream of 'going big' one day, and this was just the spark of the fire.'

Boulware found the band by searching the Web for information on rock bands connected to the military. He was knocked out by the Beyond the Ruins videos he found.

Noah Schachtman of Wired magazine's "Danger Room" military blog called the band "five trashing, growling, screeching, shredding Marines" and said that of the 10 bands on Playboy's list, "they're the only ones liable to get a mosh pit going."

Sisich hopes to get most members of the band back together some day.

"Our future plans are to reunite in California and show Cali what Marine Corps Metal is all about," he said.

Okinawa fans of Beyond the Ruins are already mourning

"The main thing I like about them is that they are a metal band that you can understand — at least some of the time," said Andy Stetson, a Marine sergeant stationed on Camp Foster. "It's something that I can listen to and enjoy every bit of it, and the energy of their music and shows always pumps

— David Allen/ Stars and Stripes



Playboy's Top 10

Playboy's Web site recently listed 10 rock bands as best in the military in its "Battle of the Battle Bands" feature.

Here's a rundown of the bands that made the cut:

 Marine Forces Pacific Show Band, Oahu, Hawaii ■ Parris Ísland Marine

Show Band, Parris Island, S.C. ■ Hang Ten – U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet Rock Band, Pearl

Harbor, Hawaii ■ Loud Noises, U.S. Army 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas

■Maximum Impact, U.S. Air Force Band, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C.

■ Pride, U.S. Navy Band Southeast, Jacksonville, Fla.

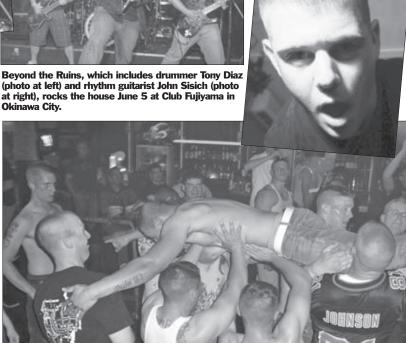
■ Rhode Island Sound, U.S. Navy Band Northeast, Newport. R.I.

■ Beyond the Ruins, independent Marines, Okinawa,

Orient Express, U.S. Navy Seventh Fleet, Yokosuka, Janan

■ Delta 392, Fort Lee Army Band, Fort Lee, Va.

Source: Playboy



Photos courtesy John Stetson

Beyond the Ruins fans go wild in an Okinawa City bar's mosh pit. The Okinawa "thrash" band was named by Playboy as one of the top rock bands in the military.

For more information-

Playboy's "Battle of the Battle Bands": www. playboy.com/articles/battle-of-the-battle-bands Beyond the Ruins: www.myspace.com/ beyondtheruinsoki



Lambert tells all to Rolling Stone

dam Lambert, this season's "American Idol" runner-up, has landed the cover of Rolling Stone magazine, where he talks about sex, drugs and

his "Idol" experiences.

The 27-year-old singer from San Diego acknowledges in an interview that he's gay.

"I'm proud of my sexuality," he says. "I embrace it. It's just another part of me."

Lambert says he was inspired to audition for the Fox network singing competition after having a "psychedelic experience" at the Burning Man festival in Nevada. There, he says, he experimented with "certain fun-

"I knew that it was my only shot to be taken seriously in the recording industry because it's fast and broad," he says of "Idol."

Lambert emerged as an early front-runner and judge favorite, thanks in part to his soaring vocal range.
When he moved into the show's Bel-Air

mansion with the other finalists, he roomed with Kris Allen, who won the "Idol" title over Lambert last month.

"I was like, 'Oh, (bleep), they put me with the cute guy,'" Lambert says. "Distracting! He's the one guy that I found attractive in the whole group on the show: nice, nonchalant, pretty and totally my type — except that he has a wife. I mean, he's open-minded and liberal, but he's definitely 100 percent straight."

According to Rolling Stone, Lambert was open about his sexuality backstage at "Idol." In March, photos surfaced online of Lambert kissing his ex-boyfriend.

Lambert says he worried that a public announcement would overshadow his singing, so he decided not to respond and largely kept his personal life under wraps on the show.

"I'm an entertainer, and who I am and what I do in my personal life is a separate thing," he says. "It shouldn't matter. Except it does. It's really confusing."

Lambert says he isn't interested in being the poster child for gay rights. "I'm trying to be a singer, not a civil-rights leader.'

Overall, Lambert says he's quite happy with what has transpired in his life lately.

"I've finally checked in to my self-worth for the first time in my life, and the fact that it has coincided with 'Idol' is so sweet," he says. "I still have moments where I think, 'Oh, my skin is terrible, and I'm a little fat, I should really go to the gym more.' But for the most part, when I look in the mirror now, I finally see someone who can do something cool.'

- The Associated Press

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This old hunk of junk might need grounding

Dear Tom and Ray:

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nor the radio will go on. Any ideas? - Steve

TOM: We'll assume that AutoZone is right, and the battery is fine. In which case, you have either a bad connection at

the battery, or a bad ground.

RAY: There are two cables that run from your battery. One is the positive cable, which runs to the starter. The other is the negative cable, which is the ground.

That wire runs to the frame of the truck, and from the frame, another wire connects it to the engine block (the engine sits on rubber mounts, so it has to be grounded

to the frame by wire).

TOM: And after nearly two decades. those connections could be in worse shape than my brother's 401(k).

RAY: Or you could have so much corrosion around ANY of these connections that the resistance created by that corrosion is simply stopping the current from getting through.

TOM: So start with the terminals right at the battery. Give them a good cleaning with some sandpaper.

If that doesn't fix it, follow the ground

Check all the ground connections, and clean or replace as necessary.

RAY: Or, as we like to say, you can

"break new ground," and simply run new ground wires to the frame and the engine block. Getting yourself properly grounded ought to clear this up, Steve.

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By RICHARD WILLIAMSON

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Your money

Credit card delinquency rate jumps 11%

By EILEEN AJ CONNELLY
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Credit card holders who in ordinary years might have used their tax refunds to pay down their balances apparently spent the money elsewhere as the recession deepened in the first quarter.

That's one of the conclusions that may be drawn from data showing the delinquency rate for bank-issued credit cards rose 11 percent in the first three months of the year, according to credit reporting agency TransUnion.

The delinquency rate jumped to 1.32 percent this year, from 1.19 percent in the first three months of 2008, TransUnion said. The statistic measures the percentage of card holders who are three months or more past due on their payments for cards bearing MasterCard and Visa logos, along with American Express and Discover cards.

The average total debt on bank cards also rose, jumping to \$5,776 from \$5,548 last year.

Balances typically rise in the first quarter, as holiday spending comes due, said Ezra Becker, director of consulting and strategy in TransUnion's financial services group. But retail sales results showed holiday spending took a steep drop. That likely means higher balances now reflect consumers using credit cards to pay for necessities, he said.



It appears credit card holders didn't use their tax refunds to pay off debt as predicted. The credit card delinquency rate jumped in the first three months of the year, according to credit agency TransUnion.

"You would have seen a much better retail season if people were spending on gifts," Becker noted.

While delinquency rates typically rise in the first quarter, this year's jump was higher, he said, in part because tax refunds were likely used to cover everyday expenses as the unemployment rate shot up.

Becker also noted that many workers who in past years received bonuses did not get that income, while others saw overtime wages slip. "A lot of the funding that would be available to pay down debt has either disappeared or was allocated to other uses," Becker said.

That said, the credit card delinquency rate remains well below the 5.22 percent for mortgages in the first quarter, meaning card holders are trying hard to keep their payments current, even when other debts go unpaid. "We see consumers really putting a lot of effort into trying to keep

their credit card relationships at a healthy status," Becker said.

TransUnion measures credit card delinquencies at 90 days, but tracks mortgage delinquencies at 60 days. Becker said that is because card payments are typically much smaller than mortgage payments, and it's easier to catch up on past due cards. For people in financial distress, it's much harder to produce two mortgage payments once they fall behind, he explained.

Not surprisingly, bank card delinquency rates remained the highest in the states hardest hit by the mortgage meltdown: Nevada, Florida, Arizona and California.

North and South Dakota and Alaska, the states with the lowest rate of mortgage delinquencies, are also the states with the lowest credit card delinquencies, TransUnion data showed.

TransUnion, which samples 27 million consumer records to produce its data, expects the rate of credit card delinquencies to rise for the rest of the year, ultimately reaching about 1.7 percent.

Depending on the impact of economic stimulus programs and the effects of unemployment, TransUnion said the rate of increase could taper off early next year, but the peak is not likely to be reached until late 2010 or early 2011

It's too early to tell how changes in credit card regulations and the responses by lenders to the new law will affect payment rates, Becker said.

Another unknown is what will happen when credit becomes more available. Becker said the number of new cards issued during the first quarter plunged 49 percent from last year. At the same time, there were also widespread moves by banks to cut available credit on existing cards in an effort to manage risk.

"There is a pent up demand for credit," Becker said. He expects some lenders will start issuing more cards as soon as statistics show the economy is recovering from the recession. And even if some banks cut the number of accounts they open, Becker said, "other lenders, we believe, will step into that vacuum."

TUESDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

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5,329.34	2,134			Transport	ation	3,389.		-50.41	+1.51	-4.18	-35.88
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33.48	+.12	+5.7
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13.71	+.10	+4.3
27.21	+.22	+8.5
12.19	+.06	+13.1
16.29	+.09	+12.7
10.03	+.04	+7.4
12.80	+.09	+10.2
17.50	+.04	+3.9
23.99	+.38	+18.2
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British pound (June 11)\$1.	68
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Bahrain (Dinar)0.377	70
British pound\$1.638	39
Canada (Dollar)1.10	70
China (Yuan) 6.830	51
Denmark (Krone)5.310	07
Faynt (Pound) 5.600	14
Furo \$1.4029/713	28
Hong Kong (Dollar)7.75	13
Hungary (Forint)199.3	36
Israel (Shekel)3.932	
Japan (Yen)98.	16
Kuwait (Dinar)288	5.3
Norway (Krone) 6.33	35
Norway (Krone)	10
Poland (Zloty)	20
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)3.750	12
Singapore (Dollar)1.45	71
South Korea (Won)	50
Switzerland (Franc)1.078	37
Thailand (Baht)34.0	
Turkey (New Lira)1.55	
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Interest Rates

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.50
Federal funds market rate	0.00-0.25
3-month bill	0.17
30-year bond	4.67
Sources: Bank of America, The As	sociated Press

Fear of job loss is a motivator for many

By Christopher Leonard The Associated Press

Her job description says Madeline Adams is a social worker. But lately she's begun volunteering for tasks she never had before at the St. Louis marriage counseling agency where she works: planning events, ordering supplies, stocking shelves. She estimates she's put in hundreds of hours of unpaid overtime work.

Adams isn't gunning for a promotion. She just wants to keep her job.

Bosses around the country these days are discovering it's not too much ask for a little extra help around the office.

More employees seem to be showing up early, forgoing vacation time, taking on extra projects—and doing it all with a smile (whether real or otherwise).

It's hard to say just how widespread the phenomenon is. But Labor Department figures show workers have sharply boosted their productivity over the past year as layoffs mounted. Workers' output-per-hour jumped 2.7 percent during 2008 — nearly double the increase during 2007 and triple the increase in 2006.

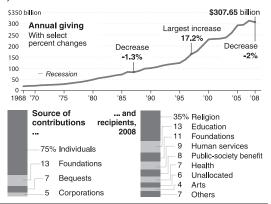
The pressure mounted Friday, when the government said employers cut 345,000 jobs in May, and the nation's jobless rate hit a quarter-century high of 9.4 percent. Fear of being the next layoff is pushing some workers to fight harder to cling to their jobs, said Bruce Tulgan, founder of New Haven, Conn.-based Rainmaker Thinking Inc., workplace consultants.

Often, the efforts amount to common sense. People dress better and show up early. They say nice — OK, flattering — things to the boss. And they try to look busy.

"Î've started to see a sea change," Tulgan said. "A growing number of people are saying: 'Î've got to roll my sleeves up and do something now.' They're finding ways they can identify problems before they happen."

Charitable giving dips slightly

In 2008, giving in the U.S. decreased 2 percent from the previous year. It was the first decline since 1987.



SOURCE: Giving USA Foundation

Charities hit by downturn

Donations dip 2 percent in 2008 after record set in 2007

By David Crary
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Charitable giving by Americans fell by 2 percent in 2008 as the recession took root, only the second year-to-year decline in more than a half-century, according to an authoritative annual survey released Wednesday.

Particularly hard hit were socialservice charities, which suffered a 12.7 percent drop in donations at a time when most of them were reporting increased demand for their services.

The last previous overall drop in giving was in 1987, the year of the record-shattering Black Monday stock market collapse.

The Giving USA Foundation, which has conducted the survey since 1956, expressed relief that the 2008 decrease was not worse, given that many Americans lost more than 2 percent of their wealth during the year.

However, the report underscored

the daunting circumstances facing America's nonprofits, many of which have been forced to lay off staff and cut programs because of declining revenue.

According to the report, total giving in 2008 was \$307.65 billion, down from a record \$314.07 billion in 2007.

Two-thirds of public charities experienced decreases — among the few sectors to improve were religious and international affairs organizations.

<u>WEATHER OUTLOOP</u>



Front Triggers Rain/Storms From Northeast to Midwest

A front extending from the Northeast through the Ohio Valley and Central Plains will trigger an expansive area of rain and thunderstorms. Some storms maybe severe. Moreover, showers and storms are possible over the Intermountain West.

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Alternatives to movie nights

I am writing in response to the June 11 article "Young viewers at R-rated films on a base brings up the question of what is ageappropriate," about taking young children to R-rated movies.

I was wondering if it was possible to come up with better excuses than "I don't check film ratings and I didn't realize how much more graphic today's horror movies have become" or "People are bored ... so they make bad choices."

If parents are unsure about the content of a movie, let me offer some options:

- 1) Don't take your kids.
- 2) Look up the movie on imdb.com.
- 3) Don't take your kids.

And if you are so bored that you have no other option, maybe a little injection of spiritual guidance is what you need. Go to church, temple, synagogue, the mosque, or maybe even the library, and find something that is appropriate for your children. Stop blaming the movie industry, the Motion Picture Association of America, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and the new generation of horror films.

You can't teach your children about responsibility if you are unwilling to take any for your own actions.

OK, I am now off of my soapbox. Second Lt. Scott I. Ross Forward Operating Base Warrior, Iraq

Film ratings easy to check

Regarding "Young viewers at R-rated films on a base brings up the question of what is age-appropriate": I find it appalling that you quoted a mother who doesn't bother to check the ratings of movies before heading off to the theater. With the age of the Internet, films can be researched well in advance of the movie's arrival at Army and Air Force Exchange Service theaters.

Petty Officer 1st Class Chris Verhasselt Stuttgart, Germany

It's not up to AAFES

"What is age-appropriate" raises the question of whether the Army and Air Force Exchange Service or parents should be determining what is appropriate for certain age groups to view ("Young viewers at R-rated films on a base brings up the question of what is age-appropriate"). To me, the answer is unequivocally, "Not AAFES!"

In the article, [one military spouse] was "horrified that AAFES would consider screening such [objectionable material] to military personnel," while at the same time admitting that she doesn't check film ratings. I must say that I am "horrified" she did not check an R-rated movie thoroughly before bringing her children to the theater.

There are numerous sources available to help determine whether a film is appropriate for viewing by certain ages. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is only a starting point; the MPAA Web site (www.mpaa.org) and many other popular

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movie review Web sites will expand upon this by saying why a movie earned a particular grade. The film in question, "Last House on the Left," had the following information readily available: "Rating Reason: R for sadistic brutal violence including a rape and disturbing images, language, nudity and some drug use."

Using that description, I could tell you I would think twice about bringing my young daughter to see that film, but who am I to say that it is inappropriate for someone else's child (who may be of a different age or maturity level)? By the same token, it should not be up to a semi-government entity (which AAFES is when it comes down to it) to make that determination either.

Organizational censorship should not be forced upon the entire community because of the failure of a few individuals to perform proper due diligence. The freedom to choose demands of us personal responsibility; both principles need to be vigorously promoted, defended and understood.

Lt. Cmdr. Chris Santos Stuttgart, Germany

Not a civil rights issue

This is a response to "When love challenges the law" (article, June 4, Mideast edition). Thank you, Matt O'Brien, for comparing apples and oranges. It amazes me how often the rights of certain political/social issues can suddenly be attributed to the plights of gav rights. Over and over again, I have heard and read articles that compare civil rights issues to homosexual rights.

People, it's not the same. The article was dealing with the struggles of interracial marriages and somehow the author managed to swing the pendulum over to samesex marriage.

Take Loving vs. Virginia. Mildred and Peter Loving left Virginia, got married in Washington, D.C., and were arrested when they returned to Virginia. I don't find one gay couple who was married in Massachusetts and went across the state line only to

be arrested.

Denying interracial couples the right to get married was a real civil rights issue because the law was forbidding two humans who have the ability to procreate to come together. Gays (regardless if they're allowed to marry or not) will never have the ability to reproduce with one another. You will never be able to trace the bloodline of a child back to two gay parents ... never!

Until gays are forced to the back of the bus, forced to drink from a different water fountain, refused the right to vote, arrested for being married in one state and then going to another (the list can just go on and on), I'd appreciate it if same-sex marriage issues aren't compared to real civil rights issues.

> John Price Baghdad

'GI' doesn't belittle soldiers

Contrary to the opinion in "Avoid 'GI' shortcut in paper" (letter, June 10), the term "GI" is not a catch-all phrase for a soldier, Marine, airman or sailor,

GI, as I understand it, is specifically a U.S. Army thing, like "dogface." A Marine is sometimes lovingly referred to as a "jar head" or "leatherneck," but I wouldn't call one to his/her face unless I was ready to defend myself. Air Force and Navy personnel of course have been saddled with their own labels.

So when I read that something good or bad has happened to a "GI," I read it as it happening to a member of the U.S. Army. There is no mistaken identity with the incident happening to a Marine or Air Force personnel.

If the writer's intent was to get Stars and Stripes to use politically correct labeling, then I see no problem with that request. But to say that the term "GI" is belittling, then I disagree.

Robert Pearson Giebelstadt, Germany

A slow news day?

So, let me get this straight: Kimberly Hurrell-Harring commits a felony by smuggling drugs to her imprisoned husband, gets caught, admits the crime, pleads guilty and is tried, convicted and sentenced for said felony, and we're supposed to feel sorry for her? She was guilty ("Nationwide, public defender offices in crisis," article, June 5, Mideast and Europe editions)!

So she had to sit in jail because she couldn't afford bail. She could afford marijuana! Please! Could you not have found a better example of someone being railroaded by the justice system to portray overworked public defenders?

Maybe the editors should be a little more cognizant of what gets printed instead of seeing what content will fill otherwise empty space.

Master Sgt. Gregory Bissey (retired) RAF Lakenheath, England

By GARRY TRUDEAU

Doonesbury flashback









Palin's organization may be her undoing

By Kathleen Parker

arah Palin, governor of Alaska and GOP "It" girl, can warm up the Republican base like a hot toddy in a duck blind. But further inside the party organization, the air is a little nippy.

What happened? In a word, bungling.

Everyone seems to have a Sarah Palin story of ignored calls, mishandled invitations or unanswered e-mail. Disorganized is how one might charitably describe the Palin operation.

"Basically, it's just rude," says one political operative who is a Palin fan. "They've been running the great snub machine. That's the reason the boys in the Republican Party are unhappy with her."

That unhappiness has been building

That unhappiness has been building gradually in the past seven months, and it was on full display this week as the party faithful gathered for a fundraising dinner at which Palin originally was invited to speak. She was later uninvited, and Newt Gingrich took her place.

Watching the dinner-speaker spectacle develop, then unravel, then redevelop (Will she or won't she speak/attend?) felt like watching a middle school romance in which a friend tells another friend that so-and-so has a crush on you-know-who, but don't tell anybody. A little silly, in other words. And embarrassing.

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The "tick-tock" of what happened is a byzantine exercise in blame-shifting. Briefly, someone in Palin's "organization" accepted the original invitation in March, whereupon the dinner hosts issued a press release announcing that Palin would be the keynote speaker.

Yay!

But then, no, Palin had not accepted. In fact, the press release was the first she'd heard of it. The official story suddenly became that SarahPAC had jumped the gun

and that Palin wasn't sure she could make the event. Enter Newt Gingrich. Then last week, so-and-so said she'd like to come, but you-know-who said, "We like someone else now"

There's more — and stories vary — but a common theme emerges: Seven months after the election, Palin still can't shoot straight. Unless something changes dramatically and soon, "Missed Opportunity" should be the title of her memoir.

By the time Palin returned to Alaska last fall, her popularity and fundraising ability were second only to Barack Obama's. Instantly, she was drowning in speaking requests. Boxes and boxes of invitations stacked up — and went unprocessed.

Without any effort on her part, 75,000 to 80,000 fans around the country organized pro-Palin groups. Said a frustrated Palin promoter: "All she had to do for those 75,000 people was hold an electronic town hall, and she couldn't get around to it."

Of course, it's not that Palin has nothing else to do. But her problem is the same as it was a year ago. She isn't ready. For whatever reason — skittishness, distrust or, quite possibly, executive weakness — Palin has been unable to make the transition from Alaska politics to the Big Game Hunt of the national arena.

Plenty of experienced people have tried to help. Veteran operatives created SarahPAC to raise money for staff to at least open mail and return phone calls. It was a Kevin Costner field of dreams: Create the Web site, and they came, all right. The PAC raised \$400,000 in its first month without so much as asking.

What happened next?

Nothing.

"We couldn't get them to decide on office space," says my source. "You couldn't get them to be professional."



Palin's fiercely independent streak is part of her charm but also may be her undoing. It's one thing to campaign on an anti-inside-the-Beltway platform. But to play in the big leagues, you need people who know what they're doing.

You don't flirt and say "yes," and then say "no," and then say "maybe," and then show up expecting a bouquet. The tease is a risky business. Palin did get to walk across the stage with Gingrich—to appreciative applause and a few whistles—but she wasn't allowed to talk. Something about upstaging Gingrich.

Palin also managed to get in a few words during an interview with Fox's Sean Hannity, which aired Monday night during the fundraising dinner. But anyone listening to both Gingrich and Palin would find preemption concerns ludicrous. Palin may be more fun to watch, but Gingrich dominates on the battlefield of ideas.

Whether Palin can rally her resources by 2012 remains in serious doubt, even among her fans. Said yet another Palin admirer: "The problem is, she has had months to get it together and they haven't. They could have had an excellent national team and state team working seamlessly."

But they didn't.

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We can apply 1989's successes to 2009's proposals

By WILLIAM McKenzie

The Dallas Morning News

to June 4, 1989, the day Chinese dissidents tried to stand their government on its ear. About the same time as those democratic protests, a half a world away democracy was starting to ripple across Eastern Europe. In a few short months, the Iron Curtain would crumble.

What a tremendous year 1989 was for democracy.

Not that the movements turned out perfectly. They didn't in China, and some parts of the old Eastern bloc remain problems. Still, powerful currents were unleashed across the globe that made 1989 arguably the most important year for democracy in the last century.

The democratic eruptions that began in Poland and Hungary had been simmering, going back to Solidarity's emergence as a counter to communism in Poland. Those forces finally caused Europe to erupt.

Picking up the papers every day was an adventure in itself. What country would capture the headlines next? Romania? Czechoslovakia? Tiny Albania?

I was in Europe at that summer's end, attending a seminar involving moderate political types from the United States and United Kingdom. We met at the U.S. Embassy in London on Sept. 1, 1989 — 50 years to the day after Hitler rolled across Poland.

We naturally looked back toward that dark time, but we could feel Europe quaking as it hadn't since World War II. The democratic risings were palpable, although no one could know then that the Berlin Wall would fall within weeks.

Later, some of us met with several Polish leaders. Our delegation included a few members of Congress, and the Polish politicians wanted to communicate their views. On a quiet fall afternoon, we sat in a conference room as the Polish democrats spelled out their country's needs. I expected them to say they needed another Marshall Plan, but they didn't. In fact, they thought that would have been disastrous. Massive amounts of American aid only would prop up failing governments and state-run industries, they said.

While some money would help, what they really wanted was our expertise in creating markets. They had little knowledge of running an economy when the government didn't call all the shots, and they had seen enough of that kind of waste, corruption and inefficiency.

The moment sticks in my mind because there was such a thirst for political and economic freedom.

There are lessons for the Obama administration from that time. First, this may be an age of government, but government can only do so much. It may be that the only rational course is for Washington to bail out GM, the banks and the housing industry. Still, the administration needs to be careful; government can become a burden, too.

In Eastern Europe, it became an evil force. Ours won't become that, but it can become a drag on the economy. The New York Times reported last week that rising interest rates on the growing federal debt could limit the economy's rebound.

Second, don't overreact in a time of swirling change. Given his unflappability,

I worry less about this. Barack Obama appears to be as cool a leader as we've had. Still, it's worth him remembering how the Bush 41 administration calmly handled the changes of 1989.

The steadiness of George H.W. Bush and his secretary of state, James A. Baker III, allowed democracy to unfold in Eastern Europe without bringing the Soviet Union back into the game. Bush 41 was criticized for not going for the photo-op and dancing on the Berlin Wall, but he faded the heat and decided not to rub it in Mikhail Gorbachev's face.

There's a reason we look back. Big events, like those of 1989, often reshape our world. And we look back to learn the right lessons. Or at least we hope we do.

William McKenzie is a Dallas Morning News editorial columnist.

Prickly City









By Scott Stantis

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Police raid finds immigrant hostages

PHOENIX
— Authorities said they busted a third drop house for illegal immigrants found in the Phoenix area in a few days.

Authorities found 34 illegal immigrants and nine suspected smugglers.

They were tipped off by a citizen who paid a ransom to get a family member released.

Officer Robert Bailey with the Arizona Department of Public Safety said many of the immigrants from Mexico were held for up to 30 days, and some were beaten by smugglers demanding more money for their release.

The alleged smugglers were arrested and the immigrants turned over to federal officials.

Locals harbor anger over plan for new arbor

NEW YORK — What's not to like about a tree?

Apparently plenty, if you live in the Bronx's Mott Haven neighborhood.

The Daily News says some residents are fuming over the city's plans to plant trees on their block.

They say the roots will eventually crack the sidewalks—and they'll be stuck with the repair bills.

Parks officials did not comment on the residents' specific concerns. But they said careful thought goes into each tree planting.

State: Report overstates graduation decline

RICHMOND — Virginia officials are disputing a report that says the state's high school graduation rate dropped over a 10-year period.

The report, conducted by the publisher of Education Week, said Virginia had a 73.4 graduation rate in 1996, compared with 69.2 percent in 2006. The statistics used by Editorial Projects in Education were the latest available to compare states.

Virginia Department of Education spokesman Charles Pyle said the estimates are flawed because they don't account for student mobility or ninth-grade retention. The state's own available statis-

The state's own available statistics show graduation rates went from 74.3 percent in 1998 to 73.8 percent in 2006.

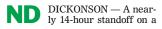
Awaiting sentencing, man faces 8 new charges

PORTSMOUTH — A sex offender from Portsmouth, N.H., has been arrested again while awaiting sentencing on an earlier conviction.

Charles Paul, 42, has been arrested five times since completing a 22-year sentence for rape last year. When he was convicted in April on a weapons charge, a judge declined to impose a suspended sentence and scheduled a sentencing hearing for July 1.

In the meantime, Paul was arrested and charged with eight new crimes, including felonious sexual assault.

Prison escapees caught after 14-hour standoff





ranch in North Dakota ended with the arrest of two men who escaped from a rural Alabama prison more than 1,200 miles away, a federal law enforcement official said.

Joshua Southwick, 26, and Ashton Mink, 22, were apprehended following two shootouts with North Dakota law enforcement, nearly two weeks after their brazen escape from the Perry County Detention Center in Uniontown, Ala.

Also taken into custody were two women authorities said helped the men escape, Angela Diana Mink, 25, and Jacquelin Rae Kennamer Mink, 25, Mink's sister and wife.

The saga began on May 25, when the women allegedly cut the electric fence before dawn, apparently counting on the alarm being ignored, authorities said.

Southwick and Ashton Mink were later mistakenly allowed outside the prison by a worker who thought they were kitchen workers, according to a prison official.

Man settles for \$4.1B from former employer

LOS ANGELES — A Los Angeles Superior Court judge has approved a \$4.1 billion arbitration award against an Internet communications company accused of firing an employee in a dispute over commissions he said he was owed.

The award, approved by Judge Teresa Sanchez-Gordon, includes \$3.9 billion in damages and \$200 million in interest for plaintiff Paul



The hunter is hunted

A golden eagle flies upside down as it defends itself from pestering crows near Chelan, Wash. Called mobbing, the crows attack predators of their young. Thomas Chester.
Arbitrator William
F. McDonald found
Chester's former employer, iFreedom Communications Inc., and its founder, Timothy Ringgenberg, liable for breach of contract, failure to pay wages and other offenses.
Chester's lawyer, Scot Bernstein, declined to speculate on how the award would be col-

lected. He conceded that there

are few entities that could pay

Police officer charged with 1986 slaving

such a sum.

LOS ANGELES — A well-regarded, veteran Los Angeles Police Department detective was arrested in connection with the 1986 slaying of her exboyfriend's wife, marking one of the few times in the department's history that one of its own officers has been accused of murder.

Stephanie Ilene Lazarus, 49, was arrested while working at Parker Center, the LAPD's downtown headquarters. Police allege that Lazarus beat and fatally shot Sherri Rae Rasmussen, a hospital nursing director, according to sources familiar with the investigation.

"It's very bittersweet. Our goal is to always bring people to justice, but this is somebody we know," said Deputy Chief Charlie Beck, who oversees the detective bureau.

Rasmussen's badly beaten body was found by her husband in the living room of the couple's suburban condominium on Feb. 24, 1986.

Detectives recently returned to the Rasmussen killing, testing DNA material allegedly left by the killer. The tests showed that it belonged to a woman.

Charges dismissed in racially charged case

PARIS — A defense attorney says charges have been dismissed against two white men accused of killing a black man in a racially charged dragging death in East Texas.

Attorney Ben Massar said Shannon Finley and Charles Crostley were released from jail in Paris after a judge granted the special prosecutor's motion to dismiss the case. The men had been charged with fatally striking 24-year-old Brandon McClelland in September following a late-night beer run by the trio to Oklahoma.

The case had been unraveling in recent months because of a lack of eyewitnesses and physical evidence. Last month, a gravel truck driver gave a sworn statement acknowledging he might have accidentally run over McClelland.

Fort Drum to take soldier DWI cases

FORT DRUM — Fort Drum soldiers arrested for drunken driving will have their cases handled in military court instead of a civilian one.

The northern New York Army post had been publishing the photos of offenders in the post newspaper since last March, but Fort Drum commander Maj. Gen. Michael Oates said that strategy to deter soldiers from driving drunk isn't working. Oates says there are still too many DWI incidents.

Oates said soldiers arrested for drunken driving now will face the Uniform Code of Military Justice.



Shadow of history Angel Island park supervisor Dave Matthews stands next to Poem 69, written in Chinese on a wall in the barracks of the U.S. Immigration Station Angel Island in Angel Island, Calif. Known as the Ellis Island of the West, the historic immigration station is facing closure as California struggles with a budget deficit.



They're smiling out of terror Candice Waite of Nampa, Idaho, and her children — from left, Jackson, 4, Micaela, 7, and Lizzy, 2 — stand close to the baskets where homing pigeons were released to mark the start of the 3rd Annual Festival of Flight at the Caldwell, Idaho, Airport.

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Aircraft owner John Hansen, left, and instructor pilot Mike Da-'Hi, AAA? Can you help?' vidson call for assistance in Acworth. Ga., after Davidson and his student safely made an emergency landing on U.S. Highway 41 in the northern Atlanta suburbs. Authorities say the Italian Sky Arrow was headed for the Cobb County Airport at 11:20 a.m. when the pilot reported smoke in the cockpit and engine failure. Sgt. Dana Pierce with Cobb County police said the pilot landed the plane on the highway and then drove the plane into a nearby subdivision.



Dane Nicholas, 10, and his brother, Parker Smith, 5, use umbrellas to shield them-Staying dry selves from a water sprinkler they said was firing make-believe missiles in Troy, Ohio.



Three-year-old ballerinas from Integrity School of Dance Arts in It's all about the costumes Byron Center, Mich., perform during the Festival of the Arts in Grand Rapids.

11-month-old boy stolen along with car

ST. PETERSBURG Thieves left an 11-monthold boy on a stranger's doorstep after stealing his parents' car from outside their home with him still in the back seat, police said.

Kara Lane, 24, told the St. Petersburg Times she left her son in his car seat while she went inside to get her two daughters. When she returned, a man was in the driver's seat, backing out.

"My baby is in the back seat!" she screamed over and over. Her boyfriend chased after the car but couldn't catch it.

Strangers who live about a mile-and-a-half away called police soon after to report that the baby had been left on their doorstep. He was safely returned to his parents.

The car was abandoned about two miles from where it was stolen, said Bill Proffitt, spokesman for the St. Petersburg Police.

Authorities said they were questioning two people but still searching for the man who drove the car

Sheriff: Mother kills two sons, herself

DELTA TOWNSHIP — A Michigan sheriff says a Lansing-area woman apparently killed her two young sons before committing suicide.

Eaton County Sheriff Mike Raines said the woman's husband called 911 and said he returned to the family's home at Plum Tree Apartments and found the three bodies. He said detectives were questioning the husband.

Raines didn't release the names or ages of the woman and her children or say how they died.

The sheriff said the deaths appear to be a murder-suicide, but that the case is still under investigation.

Maui mayor gets behind the electric wheel

HONOLULU Mayor Charmaine Tavares is test-driving a plug-in hybrid vehicle to promote cutting back on fossil fuel consumption.

The converted Toyota Prius is part of a national study run by the Idaho National Laboratory and the U.S. Department of Energy. The survey has cars in a variety of geographic locations to test how they do in different environments.

In April, the first month, Tavares' test car averaged 64 miles per gallon.

Object flying by plane may have been model rocket

LIBERTY - Investigators say a flying object that narrowly missed a Continental Express plane last month may have been a large model rocket.

The jet's pilot and co-pilot spotted the rocket and a long white vapor trail shortly after they took off from Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport on May 29. The plane was bound for Greenville, S.C.

Pilots spotted the object at roughly 16,000 feet. It was about 5 to 7 feet long.

Authorities told the Houston Chronicle that no model rocket clubs reported having launches

that day, and that a permit would be needed to launch a rocket that high.

Last year, another Continental plane just missed a probable model rocket. The first happened around Memorial Day last year. That plane was flying at about 4,750 feet.

Death sentence for man behind 5 arson deaths

RIVERSIDE - A convicted arsonist sentenced to death for setting a Southern California wildfire that killed five federal firefighters struggling to defend a rural home from raging, wind-driven flames.

Raymond Lee Oyler, 38, was found guilty in March of five counts of first-degree murder for setting the Oct. 26, 2006, blaze about 90 miles east of Los Angeles.

The firefighters' deaths stunned the region and some 10,000 people attended the memorial service for Jason McKay, 27; Jess McLean, 27; Daniel Hoover-Najera, 20; Mark Loutzenhiser, 43; and Pablo Cerda, 23.

Oyler, a former auto mechanic, was also convicted of 20 counts of arson and 17 counts of using an incendiary device for a rash of blazes in the area that year.

Nearly \$293,000 found in SUV bumpers

LAREDO — Big bucks in the bumpers. The search of an SUV at a bor-

der crossing in Laredo turned up nearly \$293,000 in undeclared cash smuggled in the front and rear bumpers.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection announced the seizure of the money. The driver has been detained and will face bulk cash smuggling charges.

Agents located the funds during a search at the Lincoln-Juarez Bridge as the vehicle was bound for Mexico

Cornell grad student charged with killing wife

SYRACUSE - A Cornell University graduate student from New Zealand has been charged in the death of his wife, whose body was found along a wooded trail in a state park with her throat slashed.

Blazej Kot was charged with second-degree murder in the slaying of Caroline Coffey, 28, a biomedical researcher at the Ivy League university, Tompkins County District Attorney Gwen Wilkinson said.

Kot, 24, tried to kill himself as he was taken into custody, police said. He was in stable condition and under guard at Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pa., where he was arraigned.

Kot was being held without bail pending extradition proceedings, Wilkinson said. His lawyer, Joseph Joch, wasn't available for comment, his law firm said.

Hikers found Coffey's along a trail in Taughannock Falls State Park, a short distance from the couple's home in Ithaca, where the Cornell campus is.

Police began searching for her after a chase involving Kot.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

The mood lightens. The Gemini sun and the Aquarian moon are air sign co-conspirators determined to upset the status quo, shock the bourgeoisie and create plenty of friendly mischief and mayhem in the process. There will be worthwhile social she-

nanigans, and if you participate, you're sure to have an unforgettable night.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JUNE 12). It's your mission to spread joy. Through the next 10 weeks, you will be warmly received by new people and places. You'll document your life through pictures or other artistic forms. Relationships mature in August. Family additions happen in November. In

winter, friends bring you business, and business brings you friends. Pisces and Virgo adore you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're playing with the "big boys" today. Some will flaunt, brag and posture to intimidate you. Although, you'll probably be too busy trying to beat your last great score to pay any attention.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). This issue you've been bouncing back and forth about can be decided now, once and for all. If a risk is involved, take a chance on you — you can do it. When you believe in yourself, believe all the way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Just as a storm inspires the tree to take deeper root, noticing the turbulence in the world around you will trigger you to pull loved ones closer. These are the precious moments.

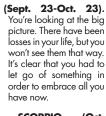
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Maybe you have already been many people in this lifetime, but you still have many incarnations ahead of you. You will commit to a series of adjustments in order to become the person you want to be.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The mystery of you keeps unfolding. Someone who is getting to know you

will be surprised at one of your quirky hobbies. Consider making this activity a more important part of your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are centered and calm. What seemed messy and dramatic yesterday can now be simply sorted through. New people will find your uncomplicated approach to life very attractive.

Holiday Mathis



SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're discovering your own personal "Zen." It has a different meaning for

you now than it did five years ago. When you think about what brings you peace these days, you realize just how far you've come.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be reminded of a past mistake. Whatever it was, this is another opportunity for you to forgive and forget. That's what it took to allow you to become who you are today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Imagery is your fundamental language. Use it to make an improvement in a key relationship. See things working out. Maybe you're shaking hands with the person, or hugging. If you can see it, this future is inevitable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your mind is sharp. You can make an intellectual argument for just about anything you want to prove. Now, connect those facts with real emotion and you'll have a major impact on others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are a healer. You have healed your own scrapes and bruises. You have healed your heart through more than one breakage. And now you will be supportive of a friend who is in the middle of a healing process.

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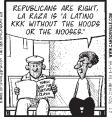






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Difficulty: Very Hard

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UP. WOULD THAT BE A BINDING CONTRACT? Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals F

Spending issue may cost home

Dear Abby: I am torn about what to do.

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Dear Abby

My sister has five children, all under 18.

She has full custody and receives child support every month from her ex-husband.

The problem is, she has been spending the money that's intended for the children on her boyfriends.

Because of it, they have been homeless twice, and it may happen again.

The only person in that household with a steady job is the oldest — a boy — but he can't support all of them by himself.

Pearls Before Swine

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Pardon My Planet Over The Hedge

How can I make my sister see how irresponsible and immature she is?

My nephew would like to move out, but he is afraid it would seem like he is abandoning his family. Please help me.

– Alarmed Auntie In D.C.

Dear Alarmed Auntie: Your sister's behavior is not only irresponsible, but also dangerous for the welfare of her children.

If it is possible to contact their father and let him know what has been going on, I'm recommend-

ing that you do so. You should also contact Child Protective Services because while foster care is not "ideal," it would be better than what is

going on in your sis-

ter's household. Dear Abby: I am embarrassing my 7-year-old son. I make him come into the women's restroom with me if no family bath-

room is available. He can use the bathroom by himself, of course, but I worry about who might be lurking in the men's room while he is out of my sight.

Other mothers say they agree that a "bad man" could be loitering in public restrooms these

Is it more traumatic for him to come into the ladies' room or have me stand outside the men's room yelling, "Is everything all right in there?"

Lisa In Phoenix

Dear Lisa: If your son is old enough to be embarrassed by having to come into the women's restroom, then he should not be forced into it.

It is not necessary to stand outside the men's room yelling, "Is everything all right in there?

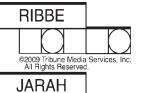
Simply announce loudly when your son enters that you will be "waiting right here," so anyone inside will know he is not alone.

Then, if your son isn't out in a reasonable period of time, ask if everything is all right.

And if he doesn't respond, check on him.

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.





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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



CAME HOME FOR MILKING.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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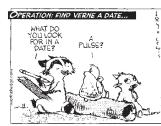














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16:00	The View	(3:50) Pokémon	A veteran Secret Service agent battles a vicious	Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	The Grill Sergeants	Toughest Race on Earth:	Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
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22:30		Strange Days	Cuba Gooding Jr. An attack of conscience changes an		The Tonight Show With	Recon	Friends (Part 1 of 2)		Period
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5:30	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Barney & Friends Sesame Street	Gooding Jr. An attack of	Glenn Beck	Headline News Good Morning America	Downrange	Denise Austin's Getting Fit Take Home Chef	Around the Horn	Attack of the Show
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Atsugi - 2008 Jeep Cherokee, American Driver, V6, 4X4, Pow-er Everything, Sun Ruff, 2608 Miles. Registered till 2011. Can go to US and back to Japan with no extra cost. \$30,000.00. Call

Atsugi, Japan - 2003 Nissan Liberty. JCl and Road Tax good until April 2010. \$3,500 OR BEST OFFER. Call Joe 264-7197 or 080-6417-6591

New Sanno, Tokyo - 1995 BMW 318i, black, auto, 58,713 km, navigator, JCI till Dec 2010 for \$3,000. Neg. Call Sam at 090-1796-9392 or 03-3445-9660

Yokota - 1994 Nissan Skyline, Two Door, JCI - Jan 2010, Road Tax Apr 2010. Asking \$750. If interested please call Mike at 763-354-3551

Yokota - 1996 Toyota RAV 4J, nice, clean, Silver 5 door SUV, runs great. Automatic transmission, sun roof, power lock-sylvindows. Working AC, and heater. CDMP3 In-Dash Receiver, 2009 road tax paid, 30,00 negotiable: Call 9999-594-3683

Yokota - 1997 Honda Orthia 5Dr Green. Excellent Car. Short notice PCS - need to sell in next two weeks. Bought car in great shape/drove exclusively around base. Indash CD/GPS capable display unit. Asking \$1200. JCI Sep 2009. Call Daniel Bolin @ 090-9838-3913 or work.

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Yokota - 1997 Honda SMX 4 Dr Blue Great Carl Excellent Carl Short notice PCS-need to Self in next 2 weeks. Bought only 5 months ago, in Dash CD/Mini Disc, great AC/heat, automatic Good size for Japan Road Exa paid. JCI January 2010. Asking \$12.00 P Lease call 08035868828 or work 225-4596.

Yokota, Japan - 1993 Nissan March 4 Sale Good car, heat and A/C work very well. Easy to park, fun to drive.JCl good until Feb 2011, asking \$1000 firm. Will have oil changed prior to sale. New battery 2008. Availa-ble mid June E-mail to see

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Yokota, Japan - 1993 Nissan Serena van for sale. This van has no radio, speedometer isn't working right and A/C is not working, but other than that. It is a good van runs great. Road tax paid. We are PCS'ing on 19th Jun, so we will regoliate! If we May 2010 Asking 8 500 OBO Call 614-358-4889

Yokota, Japan - 1993 Silver Toyota Supra Automatic, non-turbo. Great shape and runs good! JcI good until Nov 2010. New tires, Shocks, and O2 Sensors Great car make me an offer! 080-3588-0119 serious only.

Yokota, Japan - 1993 Toyota Camry Great car for sale, 4-door, color Beige. No prob-lems and runs great. JCl until Feb. 2010 asking \$1000 for more information call 1-323-338-7500 after 5pm

Yokota, Japan - 1993 Toyota Hilux Surf V-6, 4x4, fully loaded - power windows/locks. Stereo with CD/ USB port for IPod/Mp3 player, Roof rack, Rear storage cover & recent additions in the

cover & recent additions in the past year, new timing belt, tires, stereo, and battery very good clean reliable truck, hate to get rid of it, must sell to accommodate new baby. 1-971-244-0524/090-1269-4102

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Hundreds of Coupons

Autos for Sale

Yokota, Japan - 1994 Honda prelude, this prelude is very clean and mechanically sound. I have documentation on all main-the since I have been the owner (2005). The last preventative maintenance was timing belt and water pump replacement. Runs great as the VTEC engine still produces plenty of power with low mileage for a 1994 model (78,600 mile). JCI until Aug. 2010 asking \$2250 GB violeton of the control of a lest drive today!

Yokota, Japan - 1994 RVR XL sports edition/surroof this little sports utility the sports and the sports utility that the sports utility that the sports utility that the sports utility that the sports utility of the sport o r e m a garciasinjapan@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 1994 Toyota Celica GT-4 Turbo Car has body Celica GT-4 Turbo Car has body damage on left side and the rear differential Bushings need to be replaced and the clutch is starting to slip, other than that the car is in good shape, The PCS'ing soon so I don't have time to fix it so I need to sell. Asking \$1400 OBO Call 240-845-5294 or email bluedevils913@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 1995 Ford Mustang Convertible-Must sell, PCS'ingl Very clean and reliable convertible with chrome rims and tires(less than 1yr old, Comes 1 year JCI until July 2010/road taxes padt; Left side steering wheel, a very good sound system and aftermarket speedometer panel. Asking \$3500 or OBO Must Seel Please cal 713-490-0690 or email lakajun2004@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1995 Toyota EXIVI Separating soon and need to sell carll Green in color, A/C blows cold, Heat blows fire, Brand new battery Call to set up a time to check it out (080-3918-4100) JCI until May 2010 asking \$1200 OBO Call 080-3918-4100

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Yokota, Japan - 1996 Toyota
Century Black Chrome 20°
Wheels w/ New Tires Leather
Seats Power Front & Rear
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Even The Small Triangular
One's In The Front And Rear
Cold A/C Front & Rear CD
Player Road Tax Paid! JCI till
Oct 2009 must see, to
appreciate! \$3500 OBO Call:
080-362-9822 "Cell" or 1-216619-8433 "House" Email:
azntensai@hotmail.com

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okota, Japan - 1996 Toyota Premio Must Sell! Newly JClo Premio Must Sell! Newly JCl'd 4door is in great condition. Tires recently replaced, COLD AC, auto transmission, power win-dows. Asking \$1500 willing to negotiate on price Call 080-3241-6736 or email rtype127@yahoo.com

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Yokota, Japan - 1996 Toyota
Sprinter (Corolla) Nice, clean, 4
door sedan. 4 cylinders, rung
reat Automatic transmission,
Power locks & windows, Work
ing A/C and heater, Cassette
and AM/FM radio 2009 road tax
paid. Non-smoker Bought from
Johnson's off base and passed
JCI (with the exception of an
expired flare) w/ 50K kilometers,
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miles). Never had any problems
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only, needed to replace tires).
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Yokota, Japan - 1998 Mitsubishi Chariot Great, Reliable Family Car. Good A/C. Burgundy. Seats 7 72K JCl until November 2009 Asking \$2500 OBO Call 080-3479-4570

Vokota, Japan - 1998 Nissan Avenir AWD Station Wagon for sale w sr20 engine. Clean inside and out has 56,800km flow miles never had any prob-lems with the car, just updated JCI for Zyears everything is up to date. Every annual tune ups, has normal dings and scratches runs well new rear tires. Asking 82,200 DBO located in Yokosuka if interested 241-2392.

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Yokota, Japan - 2000 Honda
Saber Good Condition Silver w/
gray interior. New battery, JCI
until 2011 asking \$3500 OBO
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mom1soldier2@yahoo.com or
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-2001 Nissan Presage, Silver Loaded Must Sell 79k km (e8pt Loaded Must Sell 20pt Loaded Must Patrick CD and MD player; GPS w Dujayer/TV with remote; Power locks/windows, Strong A/C, Separate rear A/C; ETC on board; sensors; JCI until June 2010 Asking \$2500 MD SAFE Family Car; PCS - Must sell immediately-make any offer Call 263-3452 or 080-5866-5513 CR.

OR emai sLhardy1512@yahoo.com Schaldy 1912 w gallouccolli Yokota, Japan - 95 Skyline GT-R; 2 Yrs JCI 29K miles Original R33 GT-R, RB26DETT engine. Countless upgrades in-cluding fuel system, furbo, body kit and camshafts. Never raced. 3rad owner car well maintained. JCI until Jan. 2011 asking or value of the country of the celails at 720-257-6847 or e-mail. dnigolian@gmail.com

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Yokota, Japan - 97 Nissan Cedric GT 97-v6 engine 77,000km pearl white very clean and good condition runs great no problem road tax paid and JCI expire Jan 2011 asking \$3500 call 090-4247-0384 or

Yokota, Japan - PCS DEAL: '95
Skyline GTS w/ 10 Months JCII Priced to sell, quick, PCS'ing
soon, available immediately Great carl No mechanical issues, just some dings/scratches
- JCI exp: April 2010 - 2009
Road Tax paid, good for year Silver, AT. 4 door, CD player,
spoiler - AC & Heat work good 77K miles (124K km) - Reliable,
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Zama-97 Nissan Cedric GT- V6 engine 77km pearl white very good and clean condition runs great no problem road tax paid and JCI exp Jan 2011 \$3500..09042470384 ask for JP

Motorcycles 164

Yokota, Japan - Harley David-son sportster 1200 XL 2003 XL 100th anniversary model with only 1,300 miles. JCI until 2010 asking \$7800 call 509-343-0732 or email jijasutton@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Yamato Virago 1100 JCI until Oct. 2009 V-Twin 1100cc, Runs Great, Shat Drive, Iow maintenance, One helmet, Leather tank guard, Motorcycle cover, work manual, Great Fuel mileage, New bat-tery, spark plugs, Oil changed \$2100.00 080-3522-3031 Cell or 1-830-522-2100 Home

Baby Items 200

Atsugi - Delta 5 in 1 crib bed. Light wood color. Casters, ad-justable base and side bar which locks into place. \$55.00. Please call 264-7973 for more information.

Yokota, Japan - Beautiful Baby Girf Nursery Set bumper, quit, diaper stacker 2 decorative pillows, toy organizer, wall deco-rations, crif skirt, mobile. Paid over \$200 for everything asking \$75 for all E-mail for pictures for all Call 3145583462

Baby Items 200

Yokota, Japan - Changing table I am looking for a changing table for a cheap price. I'm having my first baby and we're a little tight on the budget. I found changing tables at the Amazon.com but they're a little expensive for me. Preferable price for me is around \$30-\$50 but we can negotiate on the price, depending on the quality and design of the table. Please email babyvalerie14@yahoo.com Thanks!

220 Bicycles

Yokota, Japan - 12 inch Girls Magna bicycle used girls bicycle in great condition. No training wheels. Asking \$20 Please call (323)338-7553 or email mdfisherman@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Mongoose E-Pro 21 speed bicycle Mon-gouse E-Pro mountain blike with quick release wheels \$50; Ma-gna mullet-speed mountain blike in good condition \$40 and female mulli-speed bicycle \$40. Please call 6143584904 or email garyschwamm@hotmail.com

Yokota - Small Woman Bike wanted. It doesn't have to be nice, something I can ride on base. I want with basket Anyone want to sell one or know where I can get it for good deal please let me know. I'm not looking for to pay a lot. Please send me pics with price. Call 614-358-4889

Yokota, Japan - huge box filled W/ woman's clothing must sell immediately b 4 I leave. Only serious buyers call me. I have put together a huge box filled W/ really nice woman's clothing / shoes. They are all really nice brands: Eddie Bauer, LL BEAN, mossimo, Sonoma, ked, lees, Nike, and so much more. Sizes range from s, m, I, XL, maybe an xxI-10, 12, 14, 16. There are clothes for all seasons, work-out attire, work clothes, and much more. This huge, heavy box-all for only \$60.00-there is a huge amount-rihs is a great way to save money. Either buy for yourself, or perhaps share w/ firends. (I) paid \$60 for one paid or up and \$60 for one paid of the paid \$60 for one paid \$60 for one

Vokota, Japan - Small size woman outfit I have lot of small size (woman or miss) outfits. I bought them from Korea and I paid least \$75 per set. All of them are great condition and willing to sell for \$10 - \$20 per set. Feel free to come by and try them on. \$10 - \$20 peach set Please contact 614-358-4889

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Yokota - LeapPad Learning System thats pink and purple. 3 Activity Books included along with matching cartridges. Good for ages 4 - 7. Great condition. \$30.00 OBO. Call 1-904-229-

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Furniture

Yokota, Japan - Ancient Times Globe Liquor Cabinet (Got to see lit) The is a great little liquor cabinet well, sort of, it's a globe of ancient earth hat opens up and stores your favorite decant-er filled with your favorite beverage; it also has room for glasses. The bottom part of the cabinet has plenty of room for storing other bottles of whatever you like. Asking \$50 Please call Karin and Barry at 407-373-1304 if interested

Yokota, Japan - Great London-Black Leather Sectional Sofa We are moving soon and have to downsize for our new home. The sofa is in excellent condition with little use-fairly new. If you are sincerely interested, please come by and look at it, asking \$450. Hopefully, I will have a picture up in the next few days, however. OBO Call

Yokota, Japan - Twin Size Simmons Beauty Rest Mattress Upgraded to a Queen Size for my teenager this one is taking up room on my staircase! Great, clean, comfortable mattress beats FMO mattresses by a long shot!:) Email or call for pictures if interested or come by and look! Email, or call 512-275-4895, 080-4602-7175 or 080-4603-0962 anytime! Ask-ing \$100 Free Delivery

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Yokota - Wanted: Full or Queen Size Bed (OAK or White). We are looking for an EXCELLENT CONDITION ONLY PLEASE Full or Queen Size Bed. WE DO NOT NEED THE MATTRESS. We are hoping to find one that is either LIGHT OAK or White. We would PREFER something that has a pedestal base (drawers on bottom so you only need a mattress). OR, SOMETHING THAT HAS lights/shelves/etb built into the headboard as a unit. Call 916-473-4488.

Furniture/Appliances 511

Yokosuka, Japan - Forget about filling kerosene tanks. Air heater sale - pack of 3 heaters only used for one winter before moving. 1 tall electric, 1 small electric, 1 large gas heater (non-kerosene/propane gas). Over \$450 value only for \$250 over \$450 value only for \$250 solution and samuel. Solution of call \$250.00 gmail.com or call \$250.9411.1162

Yokota, Japan - White, like new, Japanese style microwave purchased 6 months ago for sale for \$35.00. Priced to move Contact Keith at 09086689480 or email keithwms@hotmail.com for photo.

Household Items 560

Yokosuka, Japan - Don't pay the expensive prices outside base. Set of large curtains. Approximately 66 inches tall per curtain, set of 6 curtains light blue. \$130 OBO. Contact samuel. soto @gmail.com or call 080-3411-1162

Household Items 560

Yokota, Japan - large bag filled W/ great kitchen items must sell now: I have put together a huge, heavy bag filled W/ different kitchen items that I never used, used just a few times, or have had for a long time, but kept in great shape. This bag includes brand names: le Cresset, OX Tupperware, pampered chef, and much, much more! This whole bag is priced to sell immediately: \$35 for all-amazing deal. So sorry, I do not have any pictures. Serious buyers please call me 916-473-4488. If 'm not home, please leave your name w/ good contact number so I may return your call. Thank you.

Yokota, Japan - really nice full/queen bedding set this set was taken excellent care of the care of th

Home Electronics 570

Fuji - Selling a Vestax PMC 17A professional digital mixer. It has a polished metal surface and has never been used. Asking price is \$350.00. E-mail me at jayfromjapan@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - I have five XBOX 360 games that I would like to get rid of, Americas army, Nascar 08, full spectrum warrior ten hammers, Kane and lynchedad men, and NCAA 08 football all go at this price. Asking \$80 Call 2408455298 or email wellsryan78@yahoo.com

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Outdoor Living 775

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Yokota, Japan - Back yard Fence for East side guard house for the end units, great condition-come and see it- 4529 E-you have to remove and transfer it. Asking \$700 Please call-407-373-1352 or email eacd@mac.com

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Outdoor Living 775

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Pets 820

Yokota, Japan - Parakeets r w/Cage 2 parakeets (one yellow, one green), easy to handle, you can hand feed, comes with cage, stand, food, and toy many accessories. Asking \$45 OBO call 813-200-9379 or email aladdin002@yahoo.com

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Toys 945

Atsugi - Radio flyer trike with sun canopy. Allows adult to steer but handle can be removed also. Bought for \$99.00, selling for \$40.00. Please call 264-7973 for more information.

Yokota - 20 inch tall Pooh Bear and Tigger stuffed toys. Soft and cuddle. Good Condition. Price is for both. For Pooh Bear lovers, young and old. Asking \$15.00. Call 1-904-229-0534

Vokota, Japan - Girls Pink Disney scooter Great condition! Perfect for beginners Asking \$15 Please contact (323)338-7553 or email mdfisherman@hotmail.com

Sporting Goods 980

Atsugi - Red K2 5 Speed ski poles. Bought for \$50.00, selling for \$20.00. Please call 264-7973 for more information.

Atsugi - Volant ski bag. Selling for \$25.00. Please call 264-7973 for more information.

Sporting Goods 980

Atsugi - Rossi Axium Skis with bindings. Size 150. Red and white. Originally bought for \$165.00, selling for \$70.00. Please call 264-7973 for more information.

Atsugi - Tecnica ski boots. Only used 3 times. Size 24 fits a size 6-8. Silver/gray in color. Originally bought for \$135.00 selling for \$50.00. Please call 264-7973 for more information.

Yokota - Golf Club Set "Knight" alight Handed set from #4 hrough Sand Wedge, Driving ron and Driver. Asking \$45.00.
--mail mgenuine@aol.com, call

Air Travel 1006

Yokota, Japan - Discount plane licket to Korea? Is anyone can tell me there I can buy cheap discount plane licket to Korea for round trip from Jun 18 or 19th - Jun 29th or 30th? Any help appreciated! Thank you. Please contact Miya 614-358-489.

Miscellaneous 1040

Atsugi - Wasabi green Chicco carseat for salel Brand new ! Never used. \$40 cash. Simple bronze medal dining set with four chairs. \$50 cash. E-mail mmpafmoa177@yahoo.com. I can e-mail pictures!

Yokota, Japan - coffee table, fans, Shredder, vacuum, Kitchen items Round glass top coffee table \$40; 3-speed oscillating floor fan \$10; paper shredder \$10; Hoover vacuum \$20; Automatic coffee maker \$5 Asking \$40. Please call 6143584904

Yokota, Japan - DVD Movies-\$3.50 each or all for \$35. First Daughter W. Katle Holmes The Patriot, extended cut W. Mei Gibson Barbie & the Nutcracker Ladder 49 w. Joaquin Phoenix & John Travolla Fantasik, 4-sh & Athe Bee Like Mike (kids basketball movie) Storm Cell (new release) Iron Man We Were Soldiers music CDS-\$2.50 each or all for \$8.00: Another Cinderella Story Soundtrack Ladder 49 Soundtrack Now 25 Disney Channel Holiday Disney Jump-In Soundtrack Must go now. Call 916-473-4480

Miscellaneous 1040

Yokota, Japan - Huge boxes w/
Scrapbooking/organizers | am
willing to accept 2 payments, if
need be. Must sell immediately
b 4 I leave. I am asking \$260 for
al-firm. This is a huge set I have
put together! I just put together
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Yokota, Japan - Yard Sale 14 &

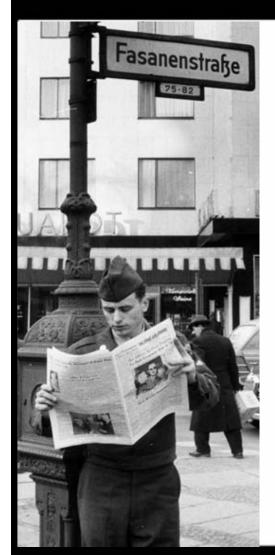
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Friday

AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.-MLB: Pittsburgh at Atlanta. **AFN-Xtra, 9 a.m.**—MLB: Toronto at

AFN-Xtra, 9 a.m.—MLB: Toronto at Texas. AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.—NBA Finals: Game 4, L.A. Lakers at Orlando. AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—MLB: Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets (dld). AFN-Sports, 8:30 p.m.—NBA Finals: Game 4, L.A. Lakers at Orlando.

Saturday

AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.—MLB: Minnesota at Chicago Cubs.
AFN-Xfra, 8 a.m.—MLB: Boston at Philadelphia.
AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.—NHL playoffs: Stanley Cup finals, Game 7, Pittsburgh

AFN-Pacific, 11 a.m.—MLB: Oakland at AFN-Xtra. 11 a.m.—MLB: San Diego at

APN-Storts, 11 a.lin.—WILB: Sall Diego at LA. Angels. AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—MLB: L.A. Dodgers at Texas (dld). AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.—NHL playoffs: Stanley Cup finals, Game 7, Pittsburgh at Detroit (dld).

All times are Japan and Korea Standard; (dld) indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

Boxing

Fight schedule

Fight schedule
June 12

At HP Pavilion, San Jose, Calif., Robert Guerrero, Gilroy, Calif., vs. Efren Hinojosa, Mexico, 10, Super featherweights.
At Palms Casino Resort, Las Vegas, Clarence Adams, Las Vegas, vs. Alex Baba, Doraville, Ga., 10, featherweights.
June 13

At Madison Square Garden, New York, Miguel Cotto, Puerto Rico, vs. Joshua Clottey, Bronx, N.Y., 12, for Cotto's WBO welterweight title; Ivan Calderon, Puerto Rico, vs. Rodel Mayol, Philippines, 12, for Calderon's WBO light flyweight title.
At Mexico City, Juan Palacios, Nicaragua, vs. Erik Ramirez, Mexico, 12, for the interim WBC minimumweight title.

June 19

At Montreal Adrian Diaconut, Canada,

June 19

At Montreal, Adrian Diaconu, Canada, vs. Jean Pascal, Canada, 12, for Diaconu's WBC light heavyweight title.

At Laredo (Texas) Entertainment Center, Fernando Beltran Ir. vs. Monty Meza-Clay, Rankin, Pa., 12, for Beltran's Latino featherweight title.

June 20

At Veltins Arena Gelsenkirchen Ger-

Clay, Rankin, Pa., 12, for Beltran's Latino featherweight title.

June 20

At Veltins Arena, Gelsenkirchen, Germany, Wladimir Klitschko, Ukraine, vs. Ruslan Chagaev, Uzbekistan, for Klitschko's IBF-WBO-IBO heavyweight titles; Alexander Ustinov, Belarus, vs. Michael Sprott, Britain, 10, heavyweights. At Veracruz, Mexico, Tomas Rojas, Mexico, vs. Rafael Concepcion, Panama, 12, for the vacant interim WBC super flyweight title; Edgar Sosa, Mexico, vs. Carlos Melo, Panama, 12, for Sosa's WBC light flyweight title.

At Rylier Cree Resort and Casino, Edmonton, Alberta, Rye Fields, Edmonton, Alberta, Rye Fields, Edmonton, Alberta, Rye Fields, Edmonton, Alberta, Rye Fields, Edmonton, Alberta, Policy Interval and Casino, Edmonton, Alberta, Son Nicolai Firtha, Akron, Ohio, 12, for the vacant WBC/NABF Native American Boxing Council heavyweight title.

At Sunchales, Argentina, Hugo Hernan Garay, Argentina, vs. David Gogiya, 12, for Garay's WBA light heavyweight title.

At Casino Rama, Rama, Ontario, Steve Molitor, Canada, vs. Heriberto Ruiz, Mexico, 12, junior featherweights.

At Desert Diamond Casino, Tucson, Ariz, Daniel Jacobs, New York, vs. George Walton, New York, 10, middleweights.

AP sportlight

June 12

1930 — Max Schmeling beats Jack
Sharkey on a fourth-round foul for the
vacant heavyweight title in New York.
Schmeling becomes the first German
– and European — heavyweight world

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Rankin.

1981 — Larry Holmes stops Leon Spinks in the third round for the WBC heavyweight title in Detroit.

1983 — Patty Sheehan wins the LPGA championship by two strokes over Sandra Haynie.

1990 — Egypt, a 500-1 long shot, stuns the Netherlands when Magdi Abdel-Ghani converts a penalty shot with 8 minutes remaining to tie the World Cup favorites 1-1.

2007 — Justin Verlander, mixing 99 mph heat with crazy gurgeballs aich.

favorites 1-1.

2007 — Justin Verlander, mixing 99 mph heat with crazy curveballs, pitches a no-hitter to lead the Detroit Tigers over the Milwaukee Brewers 4-0.

Golf

LPGA Tour statistics

Through June 7

Scoring

1. Lorena Ochoa, 69.8065. 2. Cristie Kerr, 69.9762. 3, Yani Tseng, 70.0000. 4, Angela Stanford, 70.1714. 5, Paula Creamer, 70.3529. 6, Suzann Pettersen, 70.3810. 7, Song-Hee Kim, 70.6410. 8, Ji Yai Shin, 70.6486. 9, In-Kyung Kim, 70.6407. 10, Karrie Webb, 70.8667. Rounds Under Par

1. Cristie Kerr, 7.38. 2, Angela Stanford, 714. 3, Ji Yai Shin, 703. 4, Yani Tseng, 667. 5 (tie), Michelle Wie and Lorena Ochoa, 645. 7, In-Kyung Kim, 641. 8, Brittany Lang, 619. 9, Paula Creamer, 618. 10, 2 tied with 615.

tied with .615.

Eagles

Eagles

1. Yani Tseng, 8. Z. Angela Stanford,
7. 3. Cristie Kerr, 6. 4. (tie), Al Miyazato,
Anna Grzebien, Ji Yai Shin, Brittany Lang
and Na Yeon Choi, 5. 9, 10 tied with Van

1. Paula Creamer, 816. 2, In-Kyung
Kim., 761. 3, Wendy Ward, 744. 4, Ji Yai
Shin, 739. 5 (tie), Yani Tseng and Brittany
Lang, 737. 7, Karrie Webb, 731. 8, Suzann
Pettersen, 728. 9, Angela Stanford, 724.
10, Jimin Kang, 720.

1. Angela Stanford, .657. 2, Cristie
Kerr, 636. 3, Lorena Ochoa, .625. 4, Paula
Creamer, 556. 5 (tie), Yani Tseng and
Suzann Pettersen, .545. 7, Ai Miyazato,
500. 8 (tie), Eun-Hee Ji, In-Kyung Kim and
Song-Hee Kim, 400.

Driving Distance
1, Yani Tseng, 276.3. 2, Vicky Hurst,
76.1. 3, Jee Young Lee, 274.5. 4, Karen
Stupples, 274.4. 5, Brittany Lincicome,
273.4. 6, Michelle Wie, 272.0. 7, Suzann
Pettersen, 270.6. 8 (tie), Brittany Lang
and Angela Stanford, 2691. 10, Na Ri Kim,
268.4.

Sand Saves

268.4. Sand Saves
1. Carri Wood, 800. 2. Mindy Kim, .714. 3 (tie), Allison Hanna-Williams and Maggie Will, .667. 5. Cindy Rarick, .625. 6 (tie), Jin Young Pak and Marcy Hart, .600. 8. In-Kyung Kim, .571. 9, Seon Hwa Lee, .563. 10, 3 tied with .545. Birdies
1. Yani Tseng, 171. 2, In-Kyung Kim, 170. 3, Suzann Pettersen, 169. 4, Cristie Kerr, 164. 5, Song-Hee Kim, 153. 6, Jee Young Lee, 151. 7, Katherine Hull, 148. 8, Ai Miyazato, 145. 9, Na Yeon Choi, 143. 10, Brittany Lang, 139.

Young Lee, 191. 7, Ramerine Huli, 148. S, Ai Miyazato, 145. 9, Na Yeon Choi, 143. 10, Brittany Lang, 139. Driving Accuracy

1 (tie), Ji Yai Shin and Song Yi Choi, 821. 3, Mi Hyun Kim, 817. 4, Kimberly Hall, 811. 5, Paula Creamer, 805. 6, Seon Hwa Lee, 804. 7, Jimin Kang, 798. 8, Marcy Hart, 793. 9, Leta Lindley, 786. 10, Eun-Hee Ji, 783.

Putting Average Per Round

1, Leta Lindley, 1307. 2, Brandi Jackson, 14.38. 3, Lorena Ochoa, 15.29. 4, Jane Park, 15.31. 5, Laura Davies, 16.24. 6, In-bee Park, 16.28. 7, Louise Friberg, 16.81. 8, Seon Hwa Lee, 16.86. 9, Russamee Gulyanamitta, 17.00. 10, Paula Creamer, 17.03.

Putts Per Green (GIR)

17.03.

Putts Per Green (GIR)

1 (tie), Song-Hee Kim and Natalie Gulbis, 1.73. 3 (tie), Cristie Kerr, Brandi Jackson, Ashleigh Simon and In-Kyung Kim, 1.75. 7, 6 tied with 1.76.

LPGA money leaders Through June 7

_	Trn	Money
1. Cristie Kerr	11	\$776,753
2. In-Kyung Kim	10	\$713,471
3. Lorena Ochoa	8	\$693,000
4. Yani Tseng	11	\$655,556
5. Suzann Pettersen	11	\$590,907
6. Ji Yai Shin	10	\$568,418
7. Angela Stanford	9	\$557,341
8. Paula Creamer	9	\$543,395
9. Song-Hee Kim	10	\$396,947
10. Ji Young Oh	10	\$393,581
11. Brittany Lincicome	9	\$381,769
12. Karrie Webb	8	\$376,962
13. Lindsey Wright	10	\$334,883
14. Na Yeon Choi	11	\$322,166
15. Katherine Hull	10	\$312,995
16. Michelle Wie	8	\$308,226
17. Ai Miyazato	10	\$301,187
18. Hee Young Park	10	\$284,608
19. Kristy McPherson	11	\$284,373
20. Pat Hurst	10	\$274,809
21. Se Ri Pak	10	\$254,545
22. Brittany Lang	11	\$250,549
23. lee Young Lee	11	\$250 370

Tennis

AEGON Championships

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Wednesday
At The Queen's Club
London
Purse: \$1.05 million (WT250)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor
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Second Round
Nicolas Mahut, France, def. Marin Cilic
(5), Croatia, 7-6 (1), 7-6 (4),
Steve Darcis, Belgium, def. Alberto
Martin, Spain, 6-2, 6-4.
Guillermo Garcia-Lopez (16), Spain,
def. Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, 7-6 (3),
6-3.

Ges. Gilles Minler, Luderinburg, 7-6 (3), 6-3, Mikhail Youzhny (14), Russia, def. Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, 6-4, 7-6 (3). Andy Murray (1), Britain, def. Andreas Seppi, Italy, 6-1, 6-4. Lleyton Hewitt (15), Australia, def. Frederico Gil, Portugal, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2. Ivo Karlovic (9), Croatia, def. Julien Benneteau, France, 7-6 (7), 6-7 (4), 6-2. Gilles Simon (3), France, def. Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, 7-6 (7), 7-6 (5). Xavier Malisse, Belgium, def. Rik De Voest, South Africa, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (8). Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, def. Paul-Henri Mathieu (11), France, 6-4, 6-4.

AEGON Classic

Wednesday At Edgbaston Priory Club Birmingham, England Purse: \$220,000 (Intl.) Surface: Grass-Outdoor Singles First Round

First Round
Alla Kudryatseva, Russia, def. Naomi
Broady, Britain, 5-7, 7-6 (4), 6-4.
Aravane Rezal (15), France, def. Mariana Duque Marino, Colombia, 6-4, 6-1.
Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, def.
Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan 6-7 (5),
7-6 (7), 6-3.
Lilia Osterloh, United States, def. Maria Elena Camerin, Italy, 6-7 (4), 7-5, 6-3.

Gerry Weber Open

Wednesday
At Gerry Weber Stadion
Halle, Germany
Purse: \$1.05 million (WT250)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor Singles First Round

Lukas Lacko, Slovakia, def. Harel Levv. Israel, 7-6 (6), 6-2. Second Round

Mischa Zverev, Germany, def. Tomas Berdych (5), Czech Republic 3-6, 6-2, 7-6

(8). Benjamin Becker, Germany, def. Rainer Schuettler (8), Germany, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4. Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, def. Dmitry Tursunov (6), Russia, 6-4, 7-6 (6). Tommy Haas, Germany, def. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (4), France, 6-3, 7-6 (3).

Pro basketball

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Chicago	0	1	.000	11/2
New York	0	1	.000	11/2
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Seattle	2	1	.667	1/2
Los Angeles	1	1	.500	1
San Antonio	0	1	.000	11/2
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College baseball

College World Series

At Rosenblatt Stadium
Omaha, Neb.
Double Elimination
Saturday, June 13
Game 1 — Arkansas (39-22) vs. Cal
State Fullerton (47-14)
Game 2 — Virginia (48-13-1) vs. LSU
(51-16)

Sunday, June 14
Game 3 — Arizona State (49-12) vs.
North Carolina (47-16)

Game 4 — Southern Mississippi (40-24) vs. Texas (46-14-1) Monday, June 15 Game 5 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2

loser
Game 6 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2
winner
Tuesday, June 16

Tuesday, June 16 Game 7 — Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 los

Game 8 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner

Wednesday, June 17 Game 9 — Game 5 winner vs. Game 6

Thursday, June 18 Game 10 — Game 7 winner vs. Game Friday, June 19 Game 11 — Game 6 winner vs. Game

Game 12 — Game 8 winner vs. Game

Saturday, June 20
Game 13 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, if necessarv

Game 13 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, if necessary Game 14 — Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, if necessary Championship Series Best-of-three Monday, June 22: Game 1 Tuesday, June 23: Game 2 Wednesday, June 24: Game 3, if necessary

Pro soccer

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Sunday's games
FC Dallas 2, San Jose 2, tie
New England 4, New York 0
Wednesday's game
Chivas USA at Houston
Saturday's games
Chicago at D.C. United
New York at Toronto FC
Houston at FC Dallas
New England at Kansas City

Houston at FC Dallas
New England at Kansas City
Real Salt Lake at Los Angeles
San Jose at Seattle FC
Sunday, June 14
Chivas USA at Columbus

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Sky Blue FC 2 5 2 8 6 9
Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Sunday's games
Saint Louis 1, Sky Blue FC 0
Los Angeles 3, Washington 1
FC Gold Pride 1, Chicago 1, tie

Saturday's games
Chicago at Washington
Los Angeles at Sky Blue FC
Sunday, June 14
Saint Louis at Boston

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Deals

Tuesday's transactions

BASEBALL
MLB—Suspended Milwaukee OF Mike
Cameron two games and fined him an
undisclosed amount for making contact
with umpire Marvin Hudson in a June 6

American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Placed RHP
artolo Colon on the 15-day DL, retroacve to June 8. Purchased the contract
LHP Aaron Poreda from Birmingham Bartolo Colon on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 8. Purchased the contract of LHP Aaron Poreda from Birmingham (SL).

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Activated RHP Joe Smith from the 15-day DL. Optioned LHP Tony Sipp to Columbus (IL).

LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Recalled RHP Kevin Jepsen from Salt Lake (PCL). Optioned RHP Jose Arredondo to Salt Lake.

OKKLAND ATHLETICS—Recalled OF Chris Denorfia from Sacramento (PCL). Optioned INF Gregorio Petit to Sacramento.

TAMPA BAY RAYS—Agreed to terms

TAMPA BAY RAYS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jorge Julio on a minor league contract. Released RHP Chad Orvella.

TEXAS RANGERS—Acquired RHP Jason Grilli from Colorado for cash considerations. Placed RHP Brandon McCarthy on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 5. Assigned RHP Kris Benson outright to Oklahoma City (PCL). Recalled RHP Guillermo Moscoso from Oklahoma City.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Activated LHP Scott Schoeneweis from the restrict-

AKIZUMA DIAMUNDBACKS—Activated LHP Scott Schoeneweis from the restricted list. Optioned LHP Daniel Schlereth to Mobile (SL).

Mobile (SL).

COLORADO ROCKIES—Activated C
Chris lannetta from the 15-day DL. Optioned C Edwin Bellorin to Colorado
Springs (PCL).

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Optioned RHP
Mike Burns to Nashville (PCL). Reinstated
RHP Mark Diffelier from the bereavement list.

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PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Placed RHP Brad Lidge on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 7. Purchased the contract of C Paul Bako from Reading (EL). SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Placed INF

Travis Ishikawa on the bereavement list. Recalled INF Kevin Frandsen from Fresno

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Acquired F Ja-son Kapono from Toronto for F Reggie Evans.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
NEW YORK JETS—Signed LB Craig Kobel. Waived LB Nate Harris and DL Brian
Schaefering.

naetering.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed G Paul
naika and LB Moise Fokou to four-year contracts.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Signed QB Mike
Teel, S Courtney Greene and DE Nick
Reed.

TENNESSEE TITANS—Agreed to terms with S Nick Schommer on a multiyear

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Named Bill

Baker area scout.

Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Signed DL

von Hicks. **United Football League UFL**—Named Rick Mueller general manager.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
ATLANTA THRASHERS—Signed RW
Andrew Kozek.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Announced the
resignation of coach Brent Sutter.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES—Acquired F
Chris Wondolowski from Houston for F
Cam Weaver and a 2010 conditional draft
pick.

Cam Weaver and a 2010 conditional draft pick.

TORONTO FC—Acquired D Nick Garcia and the rights to F Ali Gerba from San Jose for a 2010 third-round draft pick. Released G Greg Sutton.

COLLEGE—Named Brian Wilson women's basketball coach.

CUMBERLAND, TENN.—Named Jake Roberts assistant football coach.

DELAWARE—Named Jason Hescock assistant linebackers coach and Drew Nystrom and Stephen Thomas graduate assistant football coaches.

ELON—Named Charlie Porterfield director of football operations.

FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON—Named Greg Vetrone men's interim basketball coach through next season.

LONGWOOD—Named Bill Irish associate athletics director of rinternal operate that the control of the coach through next season.

ate athletics director for internal opera-

NORTH CAROLINA STATE—Named Steve Anceravage assistant wrestling coach coach.

PRINCETON—Announced the resignation of lacrosse coach Bill Tierney to take the same position at Denver.

SAN JOSE STATE—Named Liz Jarnigan associate athletic director for student

services.
SOUTHERN CAL—Announced the resignation of men's basketball coach Tim

Floyd.

VILLANOVA—Announced G Scottie
Reynolds withdrew from the NBA draft.

MLB draft

Selecting star pitcher was easy part for Nats

By MIKE FITZPATRICK

The Associated Press

SECAUCUS, N.J. — Now comes the hard part for the Washington Nationals.

When they selected pitcher Stephen Strasburg with the top pick in baseball's amateur draft Tuesday night, it wasn't a surprise. If they manage to sign him quickly, it will be.

Considered one of the most talented prospects in the draft's 45-year history, Strasburg boasts a blazing fastball that's been clocked at 102 mph — and some nasty breaking stuff, too.

The right-hander went 13-1 with a 1.32 ERA this season for San Diego State, leading the Aztecs to their first playoff berth since 1991.

"He's a tremendous pitching package," Nationals acting general manager Mike Rizzo said. "We weren't going to pass on the best player in the draft."

But signing him might be a major challenge for the foundering Nationals, because agent Scott Boras is sure to seek a record contract that easily exceeds the \$10.5 million that pitcher Mark Prior received after he was drafted in 2001.

Teams have until Aug. 15 to sign draft choices who have college eligibility remaining, otherwise they lose their rights. Strasburg just completed his junior season.

"It's now in Washington's hands. They know what draft choices have gotten. Everybody knows. So they're on their own," commissioner Bud Selig said.

Strasburg leads Division I pitchers with 195 strikeouts in 109 innings this year, and



LENNY IGNELZI/AP

San Diego State's Stephen Strasburg, a junior who was drafted No. 1 overall by the Washington Nationals, leads Division I pitchers with 195 strikeouts in 109 innings this year.

was the only amateur on the U.S. Olympic team that won a bronze medal in Beijing. He struck out 23 in a game against Utah last season and threw a no-hitter with 17 Ks against Air Force this year.

Strasburg went undrafted out of high school, but some think he has the ability to go from college to the big leagues.

"It's tough to say right now," Strasburg said in a phone interview on MLB Network. "We'll see what happens."

One person who thinks it's realistic is Strasburg's coach at San Diego State, Hall of Famer Tony Gwynn.

"I think he's a lot closer than people think," Gwynn said. "He's got the kind of stuff, the kind of baseball savvy — he could be successful."

Rizzo sounded content to let Strasburg develop at a steady pace.

"There's no shortcut process in this," Rizzo said. "As far as I'm concerned, there's no pitcher or player that's major-league ready coming out of the draft. They've never experienced the wear and tear of a professional season."

With the second pick, the Seattle Mariners chose North Carolina slugger Dustin Ackley, who has batted at least .400 for three consecutive seasons.

Also represented by Boras, Ackley has 22 home runs and 70 RBIs this year, helping North Carolina earn its fourth consecutive trip to the College World Series, which begins this weekend in Omaha, Neb.

Ackley played mostly first base for the Tar Heels this season after having elbow ligament replacement surgery on his throwing arm. But his impressive speed makes him a candidate to play center field as a pro.

"Sweet swing," Mariners general manager Jack Zduriencik said. "We think this guy has the potential to be a middle-of-the-lineup hitter in the major leagues."

The San Diego Padres grabbed high

school outfielder Donavan Tate at No. 3. The son of former NFL running back Lars Tate, he has committed to play baseball and football at North Carolina.

The fourth and fifth selections were players who recently soared up draft boards. Pittsburgh went for Boston College catcher Tony Sanchez, a late bloomer, and Baltimore chose high school right-hander Matt Hobgood. Eleven of the first 15 picks were pitchers, considered the strength of this unpredictable draft class. Eight in a row went from Nos. 5-12.

Only a few years ago, the baseball draft was conducted in virtual obscurity via conference call. This year, it went prime time for the first time. With Selig announcing picks from the podium, the first round was broadcast live on MLB Network. The only thing missing was a Green Room filled with anxious prospects sporting flashy suits — nearly all declined the invitation.

One local prospect did show up, though. High school center fielder Mike Trout of New Jersey sat in a replica dugout with more than a dozen friends and family members, who rejoiced when he was selected 25th overall by the Los Angeles Angels. "It's been a great experience," Trout said. "A once-in-a-lifetime deal."

Selig would like to see more prospects attend in the future. Several Hall of Famers were on hand as club representatives, including Al Kaline, Tommy Lasorda and Billy Williams.

"We can do more to boost this event," Selig said, "but this is a huge move in the right direction."



MLB scoreboard

American League											
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	W	L	Pct	GB							
Boston	34	24	.586	_							
New York	34	24	.586								
Toronto	34	27	.557	11/2							
Tampa Bay	29	31	.483	6							
Baltimore	25	33	.431	9							
Central Division											
Detroit	32	26	.552	_							
Minnesota	29	31	.483	4							
Chicago	27	32	.458	51/2							
Cleveland	26	34	.433	7							
Kansas City	24	33	.421	71/2							
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Texas	33	25	.569	_							
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Boston 7, N.Y. Yankees 0
Toronto 9, Texas 0
Detroit 7, Chicago White Sox 6, 10 innings
Minnesota 10, Oakland 5
Wednesday's games
Kansas City at Cleveland
Seattle at Baltimore
L.A. Angels at Tampa Bay
N.Y. Yankees at Boston
Toronto at Texas
Detroit at Chicago White Sox
Minnesota at Oakland
Thursday's games
Detroit (E.Jackson 6-3) at Chicago
White Sox (G.Floyd 4-5)
Minnesota (Blackburn 5-2) at Oakland
(Cahill 3-5)
Kansas City (Greinke 8-2) at Cleveland

(Cahill 3-5)
Kansas City (Greinke 8-2) at Cleveland (Sowers 1-3)
Seattle (Olson 0-1) at Baltimore (Berken 1-2)
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N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 5-3) at Boston (Penny 5-2)
Toronto (Richmond 4-3) at Texas (Holland 1-3)

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Friday's interleague games
Minnesota at Chicago Cubs
Atlanta at Baltimore
Boston at Philadelphia
Detroit at Pittsburgh
N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees
St. Louis at Cleveland
Florida at Toronto
Washington at Tampa Bay
Chicago White Sox at Milwaukee
L.A. Dodgers at Texas
Cincinnati at Kansas City
Seattle at Colorado
San Diego at L.A. Angels
Oakland at San Francisco

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Callasp 2b	4	0	2	0	Crowe cf 0 0 0 0
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Olivo c			2		Shppch c 2 0 1 1
Blmqst ss	3	1	3	1	Valuenss 2000
					JhPerlt ph-ss2 0 1 1
					Barfild 2b 4 0 0 0
Totals	36	4	12	3	Totals 30 8 7 7
Kansas Ci					002 002 000-4
Cleveland					000 004 40x-8
F-Oliv	n (2	"	Rı	itle	r (3) Shonnach (1)

E-Olivo (2), Butler (3), Shoppach (1), DP-Kansas City 2, Cleveland 2. LOB-Kansas City 8, Cleveland 5. 3B-DeJesus (5), HR-Olivo (6), DeRosa (10), SB-Crisp (12), Olivo (2), Bloomquist 3 (11), S-Crisp. SF-Shoppach.

	IP	н	R	ER	BB	SO
Kansas City						
Bannister	5	4	4	1	3	5
Bale BS,1-1	1	0	0	0	0	1
J.Cruz L,3-2	1/3	1	3	3	1	0
J.Wright	2/3	1	1	1	0	0
R.Colon	1	1	0	0	0	1
Cleveland						
Cl.Lee	6	11	4	4	1	4
Vizcaino	2/3	0	0	0	0	1
R.Perez W.1-1	2/3	1	0	0	0	2
Herges	2/3	0	0	0	0	0
K.Wood	1	0	0	0	1	1
Bannister pit	ched	to 4	bat	ters	in	the
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Bannister pitched to 4 batters in the th. HBP—by J.Cruz (Choo), by Bannis-er (Shoppach). PB—Shoppach. T—3:03. —15,038 (45,199).

Red Sox 7. Yankees 0

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New York					Boston				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Jeter ss	3	0	0	0	Pedroia 2b	4	0	0	0
Damon dh	4	0	0	0	J.Drew rf	5	0		2
Teixeir 1b	2	0	0	0	Youkils 1b	4	1	2	0
ARdrgz 3b	4	0	0	0	Bay If	3	0	1	0
Cano 2b	4	0	1	0	Lowell 3b	3	1	1	1
Posada c	2	0	0	0	D.Ortiz dh	4	1	1	2
Swisher If	3	0	0	0	Varitek c		1	0	0
MeCarr rf	3	0	0	0	Kotsay cf	3	1	1	0
Gardnr cf	3	0	1	0	NGreen ss	4	2	2	2
Totals	28	0	2	0	Totals	33	7	9	7
New York					000 000		00	0-	0
Boston					041 100)	10	x-	-7

Boston 1. LOB—Roston 1. LOB—New York 5, Boston 10. 2B—J.Drew (12), N.Green (12), SB—Bay (2), HR—D.Ortiz (3), N.Green (2), SB—Youkilis (3).

CS-Lowell (1).						
	IP	н	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
A.Burnett L,4-3	23/3	5	5	3	5	1
Tomko	21/3	2	1	1	2	1
Veras	2	1	1	1	0	0
D.Robertson	1	1	0	0	0	2
Boston						
Beckett W,7-2	6	1	0	0	2	8
Delcarmen	11/3	1	0	0	2	0
R.Ramirez	2/3	0	0	0	0	0
D.Bard	1	0	0	0	0	1
HBP—by Ve	ras (E	Bay).	W	P-	Tom	ıko.
PR—Posada, T—	-3:04. A	1 −37	.883	(37	.373	3).

Orioles 3. Mariners 1

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Seattle					Baltimore				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Suzuki rf	4	0	2	0	BRorts 2b	4	1	1	0
Branyn 1b	4	0	1	0	Markks rf	3	0	1	0
Beltre 3b	4	1	1	0	AdJons cf	4	0	0	1
GrffyJr dh	4	0	0	0	A.Huff 1b	4	1	1	0
JoLopz 2b	4	0	1	1	Mora 3b	4	0		0
EnChvz If	3	0	1	0	Scott dh	4	0	1	0
Balentn ph	1	0	0	0	Reimld If	3	1		2
Cedeno ss		0	0	0	Wieters c	3		2	
JBurke c		0	0	0	Andino ss	3	0	1	0
FGtrrz cf	3	0	1	0					
Totals	33	1	7	1	Totals	32			
Seattle					000 000			1-	
Baltimore					_100 011			<u> </u>	
E—J.Bu	rke	(2).	DP-	-Baltimor	e 1.	LC	DΒ	_
Seattle 5,	Ba	ιlti	m	ore	6. 2B-Be	eltro	е ((13)	3),
					berts (17)	. н	R-	-R	e-
imold (7).	SB-	-Е	3.R	obe	erts (11).				
				IΡ	H R	FR	RR	5	n

	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	S
Seattle	52/3	7	,	,		
Vargas L,2-1 Morrow	2½ 2½	2	0	0	0	
Baltimore						
Bergesen W,3-2 Sherrill S,12-14	8	5	0	0	0	
T-2:19 (Rai (48,290).	n dela	y: ² 0:	17).	A-	-17,	35

Blue Jays 9, Rangers 0

Toronto					Texas				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Scutaro ss	5	1	2	2	Kinsler 2b	4	0	0	0
JMcDnl ss	0	0	0	0	MYong 3b	4	0	0	0
A.Hill 2b	5	1	1	2	AnJons dh	4	0	0	0
Rios rf	5	0	0	0	N.Cruz rf	3	0	0	0
V.Wells cf	5	2	2	0	Byrd cf	3	0	0	0
Lind If	5	1	2	2	BBoggs If	3	0	1	0
Rolen 3b	4	2	3	1	C.Davis 1b	2	0	1	0
Overay 1b	4	1	1	1	SltImch c	3	0	0	0
Millar dh	4	1	1	1	Andrus ss	2	0	0	0
Barais c	3	0	0	0					
Totals	40	9	12	9	Totals	28	0	2	0
Toronto					040 010) :	22	0-	.9
Texas					000 000)	00	Ď-	٠ŏ
E-And	rus	(9).[P-	Toronto 1	LO.	B-	-т	n.
ronto 8, Te									
(15), Role									
(2), HR-A	Hil	I (14). Li	nd (12).			_	
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Toronto Tallet W,4-3 Hayhurst B.J.Ryan	7 1 1	2 0 0	0 0	0	2 0 0	3 1 0	
Texas D.Mathis L,0-1 Moscoso Guardado Grilli WP-Moscoso. (49.170).	5 2 1 1	7 3 2 0 T-2:29	5 2 2 0	4 2 2 0 A-	3 1 0 0 -17,	0 2 0 1 535	

Twins 10, Athletics 5

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Minnesota					Oakland				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Span cf	2	0	0	0	OCarer ss	3	0	0	0
Gomez cf	4	0	ĭ	2	Crosby ss	1	1	1	0
Tolbert 2b-	3b6	1	1	0	Kenndy 2b	3	1	2	2
Mauer c	4	1	2	0	Cust rf	3	1	0	0
Mornea 1b	5	2	4	2	Hollidy If	3	ō	Ō	Č
Kubel dh	5	1	2	3	Denorfi If	1	0	0	1
Crede 3b	3		0	0	Giambi dh	4	0	0	0
ACasill pr-2		0	0	0	KSuzuk c		0	0	1
Cuddyr rf		2	1	0	DBartn 1b		0	0	1
BHarrs ss		1	3	0	Hannhn 3b		1		0
DlmYn If			2	3	RDavis cf				0
Totals		10	16	10	Totals	31	5	5	5
Minnesot	a				010 004	4	10	-1	LO
Oakland					000 000		00	5-	5
					DP-Minn				
LOB-Min	nes	ot	a	10,	Oakland 4	. 21	В-	-G	0
					0), Delm.Y				
R.Davis (3	3). H	R-	−N	1or	neau (16), I	Kuk	oel	l (8	3)

SB—R.Davis (7). CS—Kennedy (3). SF—Delm.Young.

	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO
Minnesota S.Baker W.4-6	8	4	3	3	1	8
Crain	0	1	2	1	1	0
Mijares Nathan S,12-14	1/3 2/3	0	0	0	2 0	1
Oakland						
Bre.Anderson L,3-6	52/3	10	5	5	1	5
S.Casilla	1/3	2	4	4	2	0
Springer	1	1	0	0	0	2
E.Gonzalez	2	3	1	1	0	2
S.Casilla pitch	ed	to 4	batt	ers	in	the
7th. S.Baker pitcl	hed	to 3	bat	ers	in	the

9th. Crain pitched to 3 batters in the 9th. Crain pitched to 3 batters in the 9th. HBP—by S.Baker (Kennedy), by E.Gonzalez (Crede). T—3:03. A—10,127 (35,067).

Angels 4. Rays 3

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Los Angele	s				Tampa Bay				
_	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Figgins 3b		2	2	1	BUpton cf	5			0
Abreu rf	5	1	2	1	Crwfrd If	4		0	0
TrHntr cf	4	0	ī	0	Longori 3b	2	1	0	0
Guerrr dh	4	0	2	1	C.Pena 1b	2	1	1	0
JRiver If	4	0	2	1	Zobrist 2b-	ss4	1	2	2
KMorls 1b	4	0	0	0	Joyce dh	2	0		1
EAyar ss	4	0	1	0	Gross rf	4	0	1	0
JMaths c	4	0	0	0	Navarr c	4			0
Kndrck 2b	4	1	2	0	Brignc ss	2	0	1	0
					Dillon ph-2l	0 0	0	0	0
Totals	37	4	12	4	Totals	29	3	6	3
Los Angel	es				200 010		LO	0-	4
Tampa Ba					000 002	-	010	0-	3
E-C.Pe	na	(6	i),	Gro	ss (1). DP-	-Lo	วร	Α	n-

е—с.-непа (b), Gross (1). DP—Los Angeles 2. LOB—Los Angeles 7, Tampa Bay 8. 2B—Abreu (12), Tor.Hunter (14), J.Rivera (11), C.Pena (11), Brignac (3). 3B—Kendrick (2). HR—Zobrist (12). CS—Figgins (6), B.Upton (5). SF—Figgins, Joyce.

5.0pton (5). 3i —	1199	1113, 10	yce			
	ΙP	н	R	ER	BB	SO
os Angeles						
er.Weaver W,6-2	6	5	2	2	4	6
Oliver H,5	1	0	0	0	1	0
Bulger H,3	1	1	1	1	0	2
uentes S,16-19	1	0	0	0	1	0
「ampa Bay						
.Shields L,5-5	61/3	10	4	2	0	3
Balfour	2/3	1	0	0	0	0
Choate	1	0	0	0	0	1
lowell	1	1	0	_ 0	0	.1
HBP-by Oliv		(Dillor				
NP-Oliver, T-2	:59	(Rain	de	elay:	0:0	03).
A-16,087 (36,973).					

Tigers 7, White Sox 6 (10)

Detroit					Unicago
	ab	r	h	bi	ab r h bi
Grndrs cf	4	1	1	0	Pdsdnk lf 4 2 1 0
Polanc 2b	4	0	2	3	AlRmrzss 3 1 1 0
Ordonz rf	3	0	0	0	Dyerf 4 0 0 0
Thoms rf	1	0	0	0	Thome dh 2 0 0 1
MiCarr 1b	5	1	1	1	Wise pr-dh 0 0 0 0
Thams dh	5	0	1	0	Konerk 1b 4 0 1 2
Inge 3b	2		1	1	Fields pr-1b 0 0 0 0
Raburn If	4	2	1	0	Przynsc 4000
Laird c	2	0	0	0	Bckhm 3b 4 0 1 0
Everett ss	5	0	1	2	J.Nix 2b 3 1 1 0
					Getz ph-2b 2 0 0 0
					BrAndr cf 4 2 1 2
Totals	35	7	8	7	Totals 34 6 6 5
Detroit					010 020 300 1-7
Chionas					100 020 002 0 0

Chicago 100 020 003 0-6 DP-Detroit 1, Chicago 1. LOB-Detroit 8, Chicago 10. 2B-Granderson (6), Polanco (16), Thames (2), Everett (8), Konerko (15). HR-Mi.Cabrera (11), Inge (13), Bri.Ander-son (2). SB-Podsednik (8). S-Laird 2. IP H R ER BB SO

Detroit						
Willis	5	5	3	3	5	
Miner	2	0	0	0	0	
Seay H,12	2/3	0	0	0	1	1
Zumaya H,4	1/3	0	0	0	1	1
Rodney	0	0	3	3	3	
Lyon W,2-3 BS,2-2	2	1	0	0	2	
Chicago						
Buehrle	61/3	4	5	5	4	
Dotel	13/3	2	1	1	1	
Gobble	1	1	0	0	1	1
Linebrink L,2-4	1	1	1	1	2	1
Rodney pitched	to 3	batt	ers	in th	ne 9	tŀ

WP-Willis, Buehrle. PB-Laird. T-3:36. A-25,676 (40,615).

National League

Eas	t Divi	sion		
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	33	23	.589	_
New York	31	25	.554	2
Atlanta	29	28	.509	41/2
Florida	29	31	.483	6
Washington	15	41	.268	18
Cent	ral Div	vision	1	
Milwaukee	33	25	.569	_
Chicago	29	26	.527	21/2
Cincinnati	30	27	.526	21/2
St. Louis	31	28	.525	21/2
Pittsburgh	26	32	.448	7
Houston	25	31	.446	7
We	st Divi	sion		
Los Angeles	40	20	.667	_
San Francisco	30	27	.526	81/2
San Diego	27	31	.466	12
Colorado	26	32	.448	13
Arizona	25	34	.424	141/2
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Cincinnati 2 M	Jachin	aton	2	

Arizona

Tuesday's games

Cincinnati 3, Washington 2
N.Y. Mets 6, Philadelphia 5
Atlanta 4, Pittsburgh 3
Florida 4, St. Louis 3
Florida 6, Prizona 4
L.A. Dodgers 6, San Diego 4
Wednesday's games
Cincinnati at Washington
Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets
Pittsburgh at Atlanta
St. Louis at Florida
Chicago Cubs at Houston
Colorado at Milwaukee
San Francisco at Arizona
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers
Thursday's games
St. Louis (Wellemeyer 5-6) at Florida
(A.Miller 2-2)
Pittsburgh (Maholm 4-2) at Atlanta
(J.Vazquez 4-5)
Chicago Cubs (Dempster 4-3) at Houston
(Hampton 4-4)
Colorado (Cook 4-3) at Milwaukee
(Gallardo 6-2)
San Francisco (J.Sanchez 2-5) at Arizona (Scherzer 2-4)
Cincinnati (Wings 3-7) at Washing-ton (Lannan 3-5)
Philadelphia (Moyer 4-5) at N.Y. Mets
(Redding 0-2)
Friday's NL game
Houston at Arizona

Philadelphia

Tuesday Mets 6, Phillies 5

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Victorn cf	4	0	1	0	LCastill 2b	5	0	0	0
Utley 2b	4	1	1	1	Cora ss	5	1	2	1
Werth rf	4	1	2	0	Beltran cf	3	1	1	2
Howard 1b	4	1	1	1	Sheffild If	3	0	1	0
Ibanez If	4	1	1	1	Reed If	0	0	0	0
Rollins ss	4	1	3	2	DWrght 3b	4	1	2	1
Feliz 3b	4	0	1	0	Tatis 1b	2	0	1	0
Ruiz c	3	0	0	0	Church rf	3	2	1	1
Stairs ph	1	0	0	0	Santos c	4	1	1	0
Нарр р	2	0	0	0	JSantn p	3	0	1	1
Condry p	0	0	0	0	Parnell p	0	0	0	0
Brntltt ph	0	0	0	0	Felicin p	0	0	0	0
Durbin p	0	0	0	0	DnMrp ph	1	0	0	0
JRomr p	0	0	0	0	FrRdrg p	0	0	0	0
Dobbs ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	35	5	10	5	Totals	33	6	10	6

Totals 35 51 5 Totals 33 610 6 Philadelphia 000 202 1010—5 E—Ruiz (2), DP—New York 2, LOB—Philadelphia 4, New York 8, 2B—Feliz (15), Cora (6), D.Wright (17), Tatis (6), LSantana (1), HR—Utley (13), Howard (18), Ibanez (20), Rollins (4), Beltran (8), D.Wright (4), Church (2).

D. Wright (4), Chu	D.Wright (4), Church (2).								
	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO			
Philadelphia									
Нарр	51/3	6	4	4	4	4			
Condrey L,4-1 BS,1-2	2/3	3	1	1	1	1			
Durbin	1	1	1	1	0	1			
J.Romero	1	0	0	0	0	1			
New York									
J.Santana W,8-3	7	8	5	5	1	2			
Parnell	0	1	0	0	0	0			
Feliciano H,10	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Fr.Rodriguez S,16-16	1	1	0	0	0	2			
J.Santana pitc	hed	to 1	bat	tter	in	the			

8th. Parnell pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. T-2:46. A-37,152 (41,800).

Marlins 4, Cardinals 3

St. Louis					Florida			
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h bi
Schmkr 2b	4	1	1	0	Coghin If	4	1	1 0
Duncan If	4	1	1	1	Bonifac 3b	3	0	2 3
Pujols 1b	4	0	0	0	HRmrz ss	3	0	0 0
Rasms cf	4	0	2	0	Cantu 1b	4	0	0 0
Ankiel rf	3	0	2	2	Hermid rf	4	1	2 1
YMolin c	4	0	0	0	Uggla 2b	3	0	0 0
TGreen 3b	4	0	1	0	JoBakr c	2	0	0 0
Crpntr p		0	0	0	RPauln c	1	0	0 0
Ludwck ph	1	0	0	0	C.Ross cf	3	1	2 0
McCllln p	0	0	0	0	JJhnsn p	1	1	0 0
Stavinh ph	1	0	1	0	Gload ph	1	0	0 0
Motte p	0	0	0	0	Meyer p	0	0	0 0
BrRyan ss	4	1	1	0	Lndstr p	0	0	0 0
Totals	35	3	9	3	Totals	29		74
St. Louis					003 000			0-3
Florida					002 010		nn	1 - 4

No outs when winning run scored. E-Coghlan (3). DP-St. Louis 1. LOB-St. Louis 6, Florida 4. 2B-Rasmus (14), Ankiel (11), Coghlan (2), Bonifacio (6). HR-Hermida (6). S-Jo.Johnson.

	IP	н	ĸ	ĿК	RR	50	
St. Louis							
C.Carpenter	6	6	3	3	1	3	
McClellan	2	0	0	0	1	1	
Motte L,2-2	0	1	1	1	0	0	
Florida							
Jo.Johnson	7	7	3	3	1	5	
Mever	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Lindstrom W,2-1	1	2	0	0	0	0	
Motte pitched	to :	1 batt	ter	in t	he 9	th.	
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Braves 4, Pirates 3

Pittsburgh				•	Atlanta
•	ab	r	h	bi	ab r h bi
McCtch cf	4	0	1	0	McLoth cf 3 1 1 0
Morgan If	4	1	2	0	YEscorss 4 1 3 2
DlwYn 2b	4	1	2	0	C.Jones 3b 4 0 2 1
AdLRc 1b	3	0	0	1	McCnn c 4 0 1 1
AnLRc 3b	4	0	0	0	GAndrs If 4 0 1 0
Hinske rf	3	1	1	0	Francr rf 0 0 0 0
R.Diaz c	4	0	1	2	Norton 1b 4 0 0 0
JaWlsn ss	4	0	0	0	RSorinp 0000
Ohlndrf p	3	0	0	0	M.Diazrf-lf 3 1 1 0
SBurntt p	0	0	0	0	KJhnsn 2b 3 1 1 0
JChavz p	0	0	0	0	D.Lowe p 2 0 0 0
Grzlny p	0	0	0	0	GBlancph 0 0 0 0
					MGnzlz p 0 0 0 0
					Prado 1b 0 0 0 0
Totals	33	3	7	3	Totals 31 4 10 4
Pittsburgl	n				100 200 000-3

Atlanta 1. LOB-Pittsburgh 5, Atlanta 1. LOB-Pittsburgh 5, Atlanta 5. 2B-Hinske (8), R.Diaz (4). SB-Morgan (13). S-G.Blanco. SF-Ad.LaRoche.

	IP	н	R	ER	BB	SO
Pittsburgh	_		_	_	_	
Ohlendorf	6	8	3	3	0	4
S.Burnett L,1-2 H,3	1/3	1	1	1	1	0
J.Chavez BS,2-2	2/3	1	0	0	0	0
Gorzelanny	1	0	0	0	0	2
Atlanta						
D.Lowe W,7-3	7	7	3	3	1	4
M.Gonzalez H,3	1	0	0	0	0	1
R.Soriano S,5-6	1	0	0	0	0	1
Ohlendorf pit					in	the
7th. T-2:35. A-2	20,124	(49.7	743)			

Reds 3, Nationals 2

Cincinnati					Washington							
	ab	r	h	bi	ab r h b	i						
Tavers cf	5	0	0	0	CGzmn ss 4 1 2 1	l						
HrstnJr 3b	3	0	1	0	NJhnsn 1b 3 0 0 0)						
BPhllps 2b	4	0	1	2	Zmrmn 3b 4 0 2 0)						
RHrndz 1b	4	0	0	0	Dunn If 2 0 0 0)						
Gomes If	4	0	2	0	Dukes rf 3 1 1 1	l						
Rhodes p	0	0	0	0	WHarrs cf 4 0 0 0)						
Wethrs p	0	0	0	0	AHrndz 2b 4 0 0 0)						
Corder p	0	0	0	0	Nieves c 3 0 1 0)						
Bruce rf	3	1	0	0	Kearnsph 1 0 0 0)						
AlGnzlz ss	4	1	2	0	Detwilrp 2 0 0 0)						
Hanign c	4	0	1	1	Brgmn p 0 0 0 0)						
Cueto p	2	1	0	0	Wingh ph 1 0 0 0)						
Dickrsn If	1	0	1	0	Villone p 0 0 0 0)						
					MacDglp 0 0 0 0)						
Totals	34	3	8	3	Totals 31 2 6 2	2						
Cincinnat					010 020 000-3							
Washingt					000 100 010-							
DP-Čir	ncin	na	ati	2.	LOB-Cincinnati 7							

DP-CINCINNATI 2. LOB-CINCINNATI 7, Washington 6. 2B-B.Phillips (10), Ale. Gonzalez (8), Zimmerman (16). HR-C.Guzman (3), Dukes (6). CS-Taveras (3).

IP H R ER BB SO

Cincinnati						
Cueto W,6-3	7	4	1	1	4	5
Rhodes H,9	2/3	2	1	1	0	2
Weathers H,8	1/3	0	0	0	0	1
Cordero S,15-15	1	0	0	0	0	1
Washington						
Detwiler L,0-3	6	5	3	3	3	6
Bergmann	1	1	0	0	0	2
Villone	1	1	0	0	0	1
MacDougal	1	1	0	0	0	0
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Cubs 7, Astros 1

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Bradly rf	6	0	0	0	Brkmn 1b 4 1 2 1
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Stewart 3b	4	0	1	0	MCmrn cf	4	0	0	(
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Hamml p	2	0	0	0	CatIntt ph	1	0	0	C
S.Smith ph	0	1	0	0	Hart rf	3	0	0	0
Daley p	0	0	0	0	Kendall c	3	0	2	C
Corpas p	0	0	0	0	Looper p	2		0	C
Atkins ph	1	0	1	0	DiFelic p	0	0	0	(
Marqus pr	0	0	0	0	Coffey p	0	0	0	C
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Corpas H,5	1	0	0	0	0	
Street S,10-11	1	0	0	0	0	
Milwaukee						
Looper	6	7	2	2	0	
DiFelice H,7	1/3	0	0	0	0	
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Giants 9, Diamondbacks 4

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Winn rf	4	3	2	1	J.Upton rf	4	1	0	(
Sandovl 1b	5	1	4	3	S.Drew ss	4	1	1	1
FLewis If	4	0	0	0	Rvnlds 3b	4	1	2	
Affeldt p	0	0	0	0	Monter c	3	0	0	(
Howry p	0	0	0	0	Bover p	0	0	0	(
Schrhlt ph	1	0	0	0	CYoung cf	4	1	1	(
Meddrs p	0	0	0	0	Whitsli 1b	3	0	2	(
Uribe 3b	5	2	3	1	Bucknr p	0	0	0	
Frndsn 2b	5	0	1	0	Vasquz p	0	0	0	(
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Dodgers 6, Padres 4

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Eckstn 2b	5	1	3	1	Hudson 2b	4	1	1	1		
Giles rf	5	1	1	1	Ethier rf	4	2	3	2		
AdGnzl 1b	2	0	0	0	Loney 1b	4	0	0	0		
Kzmnff 3b	4	0	1	2	Blake 3b	3	1	1	0		
Headly If	4	0	1	0	Martin c	3	0	2	0		
Hundly c	2	0	1	0	Furcal ss	3	1	1	1		
HBlanc c	1	0	0	0	Kemp cf	3	1	3	2		
JoWilsn ss	3	0	0	0	Blngsly p	2	0	0	0		
EGnzlz ph	1	0	0	0	Leach p	0	0	0	0		
CYoung p	1	1	0	0	Loretta ph	1	0	0	0		
Venale ph	1	0	0	0	Belisari p	0	0	0	0		
Moreno p	0	0	0	0	Troncs p	0	0	0	0		
Adams p	0	0	0	0	DeWitt ph	1	0	0	0		
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Adams	1	1	0	0	0	0
Meredith	1	2	1	1	2	0
Los Angeles						
Billingsley W,8-3	52/3	8	3	3	2	5
Leach H,3	1/3	0	0	0	0	0
Belisario H,8	1	0	0	0	0	1
Troncoso H,4	1	1	0	0	1	1
Broxton S,14-16	1	1	1	1	1	2
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Colorado Rockies' Dexter Fowler (24) slides safely under the tag of Milwaukee **Brewers second** baseman Craig Counsell for a double during the third inning Tuesday in Milwaukee. The Rockies rallied past the Brewers 3-2 for their sixth road victory.

orry Gash/AP

NL roundup

Rolling Rockies rally to another road win

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — When the Colorado Rockies finally return home at the end of this week, their fans might not recognize them right away.

Recently named new manager Jim Tracy suddenly has the Rockies rolling on the road, and they managed more of the same Tuesday night. Trailing by two runs going into the seventh inning, the Rockies rallied to take the lead and went on to beat the Milwaukee Brewers 3-2 for their sixth win away from home.

Tracy said this streak, not their slow start, represents the real 2009 Rockies.

"I don't think our record is indicative of the type of team we are," Tracy said.

It was a big night for Triple-A call-up Carlos Gonzalez, who had a pair of doubles and an RBI. Colorado might have started slow under Clint Hurdle, who was fired May 29, but Gonzalez has known nothing but winning under Tracy since he was recalled June 5.

"Jim's been great," Gonzalez said. "He's given me a chance to play and help this team win, and that's all you can ask for."

In the seventh, back-to-back doubles by Troy Tulowitzki and Gonzalez cut the Brewers' lead to 2-1. Milwaukee starter Braden Looper left the game, and Gonzalez stole third base off reliever Mark DiFelice.

DiFelice got Chris Iannetta to pop out and was replaced by Todd Coffey, who walked pinch hitter Seth Smith. Coffey (1-1) then surrendered the lead when Clint Barmes' sacrifice fly to center scored Smith and put Colorado ahead 3-2.

"The bottom line for tonight is, I blew it," Coffey said. "I come into that situation right there, I've got to keep that run from scoring. Tonight's on me."

Rockies starter Jason Hammel left after six, Matt Daley and

Manuel Corpas shut the Brewers down in the seventh and eighth, and Huston Street pitched the ninth for his 10th save.

Hammel (3-3) gave up two runs and five hits in six innings.

"We're feeding off each other right now," Hammel said. "We're having fun and smiling."

Mets 6, Phillies 5: At New York, David Wright, Carlos Beltran and Ryan Church homered to help ace Johan Santana overcome a rare off night.

Santana (8-3) tied his career high by allowing four home runs for only the second time in 221 major league starts, allowing drives to Ryan Howard, Raul Ibanez, Jimmy Rollins and Chase Utley.

But Santana also helped himself with his bat, hitting a tying double in the sixth off Clay Condrey (4-1).

Braves 4, Pirates 3: At Atlanta, Derek Lowe pitched seven solid innings, Yunel Escobar hit a two-run single in the seventh and the Braves matched a season high with their third straight win.

Lowe (7-3) allowed seven hits, walked one and snapped a personal two-game losing streak. Sean Burnett (1-2) took the loss after starter Ross Ohlendorf pitched into the seventh.

Rafael Soriano pitched around an error by Chipper Jones for his fifth save in six tries.

Marlins 4, Cardinals 3: At Miami, Jeremy Hermida homered leading off the ninth inning to cap Florida's rally from an early three-run hole.

Hermida hit a 1-1 pitch from reliever Jason Motte (2-2) into the right-field seats for his first career game-winner homer. It came after Matt Lindstrom (2-1) pitched a scoreless ninth for the Marlins

Cardinals starter Chris Carpenter allowed three runs in six innings after having given up three runs in his first six outings combined. His ERA rose from 0.79 to 1.29.

Cubs 7, Astros 1: At Houston, Ted Lilly (7-4) pitched $6^2/3$ shutout innings to beat the Astros for the sixth straight time and improve to 3-0 against them this season.

Mike Fontenot hit a solo homer and Andres Blanco added a tworun double for the Cubs, who are 5-1 at Minute Maid Park this season.

Houston's Lance Berkman hit his 299th career homer in the ninth off Sean Marshall.

Giants 9, Diamondbacks 4: At Phoenix, Pablo Sandoval had four hits and drove in three runs, and Matt Cain overcame wildness as the Giants rallied.

Sandoval's two-run homer off

Billy Buckner (2-2) in the fifth gave the Giants a 5-4 lead.

Cain (8-1) won his fifth straight start and pulled into a tie for the NL lead in victories. He gave up four runs on six hits with six strikeouts and five walks in 6²/₃ innings.

Juan Uribe added a homer and two doubles for the Giants, who had a season-high 17 hits.

Reds 3, Nationals 2: At Washington, Johnny Cueto had another one-run outing, and Brandon Phillips knocked in a pair of runs with a double as the Reds won the opener of a six-game road trip.

Cueto (6-3) allowed four hits in seven innings, including Elijah Dukes' solo homer in the fourth. Arthur Rhodes allowed a solo shot by Cristian Guzman in the eighth, and Francisco Cordero pitched a 1-2-3 ninth for his 15th save in as many chances.

Dodgers 6, Padres 4: At Los Angeles, Andre Ethier homered his first two times up, Matt Kemp hit a go-ahead shot, and Orlando Hudson also went deep against Chris Young to lead the Dodgers.

Chad Billingsley (8-3) overcame a shaky start to tie Johan Santana, Jason Marquis and Matt Cain for the NL lead in wins. He allowed three runs and eight hits.

Young (4-5) was charged with five runs and six hits over five innings in his third consecutive loss



KATHY WILLENS/

New York Mets shortstop Alex Cora leaps to avoid the sliding Philadelphia Phillies' Jimmy Rollins (11) after a Matt Stairs grounder in the ninth inning of the Mets' 6-5 at Citi Field in New York on Tuesday.

AL roundup

Red Sox improve to 6-0 against Yankees

Boston off to best start vs. rival since 1912

The Associated Press

BOSTON — The last time the Red Sox beat New York six straight times to start the season, the Yankees were known as the Highlanders and it was the bandbox in Boston that was brand new.

Josh Beckett allowed only an infield hit in six innings, and David Ortiz hit his third homer of the year as the Red Sox beat the Yankees 7-0 on Tuesday night and improved to 6-0 against New York for the first time since 1912.

"They've taken it to us so far this year," said Yankees — and former Red Sox — outfielder Johnny Damon. "But we have 13 more, and hopefully we'll beat them sometime soon."

The Red Sox beat the New York Highlanders in 14 straight to start the 1912 season, including the first-ever game in Fenway Park. Fenway is now the oldest ballpark in the major leagues; the original Yankee Stadium, which was replaced this season by a \$1.5 billion replica, hadn't even been built yet.

"You don't want to be 0-6 against your rival," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "But we are still tied for first place."

Beckett (7-2) noted that Alex Rodriguez was recovering from hip surgery for the first five losses, "so we'll start counting after that."

Beckett struck out eight and walked two before leaving with a 6-0 lead after six innings, having thrown 93 pitches in a steady drizzle. The only hit he allowed was Robinson Cano's fourth-inning grounder to the left of second baseman Dustin Pedroia, who slid to come up with the ball but couldn't make the throw that had little chance of getting the batter anyway.

It was ruled a base hit by official scorer Mike Shalin.

"I got to it and I slid about eight feet," said Pedroia, who noted that the play was where the groundskeepers dumped out the infield tarp that covered the field before the game started. "That didn't really help me out."

Beckett struck out Jorge Posada to end the inning, then retired the last six batters he faced, fanning three of them, for his third consecutive victory. In all, only three batters hit the ball out of the infield against him.

Brett Gardner had the Yankees' only other hit, off Manny





Delcarmen in the eighth.

"Kind of hard to win with only two hits," Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter said. "Beckett pitched great. It's always tough, every time we face him. He was hitting his spots and we didn't get too many good swings."

A.J. Burnett (4-3) allowed three earned runs on five walks and five hits before leaving with two outs in the third and taking out his frustrations on a dugout watercooler. He gave up Ortiz's two-run shot to straightaway center field in Boston's four-run second, when Rodriguez double-clutched on a grounder for an error that gave Boston an extra out.

Burnett walked Mike Lowell to start the inning, then Ortiz hit a 2-2 pitch over the high center field wall about 400 feet from home plate. Responding to the fans' "Papi!" chants, he came out for a curtain call.

It was the second homer in three games for the struggling slugger, who hit 54 in 2006 but has been moved from third to sixth in the Red Sox order as he tries to pull his batting average above .200.

On Monday, he went to the eye doctor. His vision was pronounced fine, but he was given eye drops to deal with dryness.

"There's no getting around how important he is to us," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said. "When he does something like that, I think we feel better about ourselves."

Nick Green homered and added an RBI double for Boston.

Tigers 7, White Sox 6 (10): At Chicago, Miguel Cabrera broke out of a slump with a solo homer in the 10th inning after

the Tigers squandered a threerun lead in the ninth.

Cabrera homered off White Sox reliever Scott Linebrink (2-4), and Brandon Lyon (2-3) got out of a jam in the eighth before working a perfect 10th to secure the win.

Indians 8, Royals 4: At Cleveland, Mark DeRosa's grand slam off reliever Jamey Wright in the seventh inning lifted the Indians out of last place in the Central Division.

The Indians loaded the bases off Juan Cruz (3-2) and DeRosa quickly cleared them.

Rafael Perez (1-1) pitched twothirds of an inning for the win.

Orioles 3, Mariners 1: At Baltimore, rookie Brad Bergesen pitched eight innings of five-hit ball, Nolan Reimold homered and had two RBIs, and the Orioles ended a five-game losing

hold up the last "K" before Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Josh Beckett left the Tuesday's game against the New York Yankees after six innings in Boston on Tuesday. Beckett allowed only an infield hit during the game. Boston slugger David Ortiz, left, points to the sky after hitting a two-run home run as Yankees catcher Jorge Posada stands nearby during the second inning.

WINSLOW TOWNSON/AP

streak.

Bergesen (3-2) set career marks for fewest runs allowed and most strikeouts (six). George Sherrill earned his 12th save despite giving up an RBI single to Jose Lopez.

Jason Vargas (2-1) allowed three runs and seven hits in $5^2/_3$ innings for Seattle.

Angels 4, Rays 3: Jered Weaver allowed two runs in six innings to win his third consecutive start for the visiting Angels.

Weaver (6-2) gave up five hits before turning it to the bullpen, and Brian Fuentes pitched the ninth for his 16th save in 19 opportunities.

James Shields (5-5) allowed four runs and 10 hits in $6^{1/3}$ innings for the Rays.

Blue Jays 9, Rangers 0: At Arlington, Texas, Brian Tallet and two relievers combined for a two-hitter, and Adam Lind homered for the Blue Jays.

Tallet (4-3) went seven innings to match the longest start of his career, while Doug Mathis (0-1) gave up five runs in five innings in his first start of the season.

Twins 10, Athletics 5: Jason Kubel and Justin Morneau each hit a home run, Scott Baker took a shutout into the ninth and the visiting Twins ended a threegame losing streak.

Baker (4-6) remained undefeated against the A's in four starts, while Brett Anderson (3-6) allowed five runs on a seasonhigh 10 hits in 5²/₃ innings.

Staal's goal helps Pens stay alive

Young forward notches biggest tally of playoffs

By Ira Podell

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Until now. Jordan Staal's older brother, Eric, had the biggest goal in this year's Stanley Cup playoffs.

Not anymore.

Jordan Staal trumped his brother and kept the Pittsburgh Penguins' season alive for one

The 20-year-old forward snapped a scoreless deadlock 51 seconds into the second period Tuesday night and sent the Penguins on their way to a 2-1 victory over the Detroit Red Wings that forced a seventh game in the Stanley Cup finals.

'It's always nice to get that first one, especially here in this build-Staal said. "The fans really took off with it. I think our team had some momentum off of it."

In the first round of the playoffs. Eric Staal of the Carolina Hurricanes scored the winning goal against New Jersey's Martin Brodeur with 31.7 seconds left in Game 7. Now Jordan has a goal every bit as impressive to brag about at the family dinner table.

He can also match his brother in the championship ring department with one more victory. Eric and the Hurricanes came out on top against the Edmonton Oilers in 2006, the last time the finals went the distance.

"Well, a Staal might as well win it again, I guess," Jordan said.

Staal got free at the point in Pittsburgh's defensive zone and raced up ice on a 2-on-1 break with teammate Matt Cooke. With only Jonathan Ericsson back on defense, Staal let go a shot that goalie Chris Osgood stopped with

Staal got to the rebound and flipped it in to give the Penguins a lead they never relinquished.

Staal is no stranger to dramatic moments in the finals. His shorthanded tally in Game 4 rallied the Penguins into a 2-2 tie and provided the spark for Pittsburgh's three-goal outburst in a span of 5:37 in the second period.

The Penguins went on to win 4-2 and avoided dropping into a 3-1 series hole that would have been nearly impossible to overcome.

"Jordan Staal, with his skating



THE CANADIAN PRESS, FRANK GUNN/AP

Pittsburgh's Jordan Staal scores past Detroit goalie Chris Osgood during Game 6 of the Stanley Cup finals on Tuesday.

ability and his size, can be a force in the defensive zone, he can be a force with his speed through the neutral zone, he can be a force in the offensive zone," Penguins coach Dan Bylsma said. "We saw him do that numerous times tonight where he was a force in whatever zone he was in.

"He's just learning what he can do out there, and tonight was a game he did it on both ends of the

Staal posted only one assist in the seven games before his one-

one-assist performance against the Red Wings in Game

"It's obviously nice to chip in whenever I can," Staal said. "I thought I played pretty solid throughout the whole series. Some things don't go your way, but I thought our line was solid."

The Penguins' task still isn't easy. The Game 6 victory extended the series to a final game, but it will be played in Detroit. The home team has won every game in this series.

NHL scoreboard

Playoffs

Figure 1. STANLEY CUP FINALS Detroit vs. Pittsburgh Detroit 3, Pittsburgh 1
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Friday: Pittsburgh at Detroit

Tuesday

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Pittsburgh 0 1 1-2
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Second Period — 1, Pittsburgh, Staal 4 (Kennedy, Scuderi), :51.

Third Period — 2, Pittsburgh, Kennedy 5 (Talbot, Fedotenko), :53.5, 3, Detroit, Draper 1 (Ericsson, Lidstrom), 8:01.

Shots on Goal—Detroit 3-9-14—26.

Pittsburgh 12-12-7—31.

Power-play opportunities—Detroit 0 of 2; Pittsburgh 0 of 2.

Goalies—Detroit, Osgood 15-7-0 (31 shots-29 saves). Pittsburgh, Fleury 15-8-0 (26-25).

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Playoff scoring leaders

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Evgeni Malkin, Pit	23	14	21	35	
Sidney Crosby, Pit	23	15	16	31	
Henrik Zetterberg, Det	22	11	13	24	
lohan Franzen, Det	22	12	11	23	
Alexander Ovechkin, Was	14	11	10	21	
Ryan Getzlaf, Anh	13	4	14	18	
/altteri Filppula, Det	22	3	13	16	
Eric Staal, Car	18	10	5	15	
Daniel Cleary, Det	22	9	6	15	
Bill Guerin, Pit	23	7	8	15	
Marian Hossa, Det	22	6	9	15	
Martin Havlat, Chi	16	5	10	15	
Nicklas Lidstrom, Det	20	4	11	15	
Nicklas Backstrom, Was	14	3	12	15	
Patrick Kane, Chi	16	9	5	14	

Calendar

NHL awards show at Las

gas. June 26-27 — NHL draft, Montreal. July 1 — Free agency signing period

July 5 — Deadline for player-elected arbitratio

salary arbitration.

July 6 — Deadline for club-elected salary arbitration

July 10 — Deadline for eligible players
to elect Group 5 free agency.

July 20-Aug. 4 — Salary arbitration
hearings held.



Pittsburgh's Brooks Orpik, center, ties up Detroit's Tomas Holmstrom in front of goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury on Tuesday.

Game 6: Red Wings glad last one is on home ice

GAME 6, FROM BACK PAGE

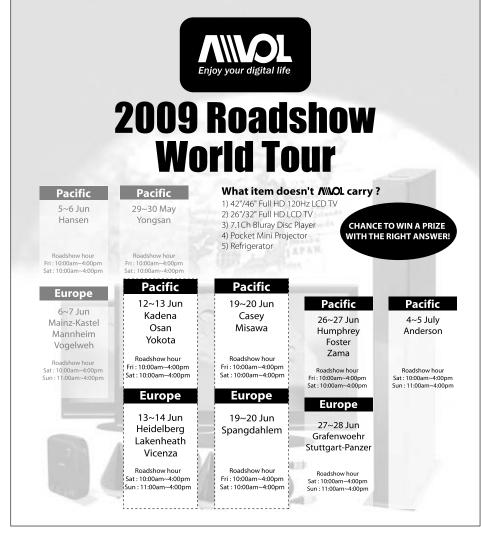
wanted to play.

"We're going home. Last game. You win, you win the Stanley Cup," Helm said. "So we're feeling pretty good, but we know it's not going to be easy. They won a big game against Washington in their rink, so we know they can win a Game 7 on the road."

Detroit knew the Penguins would play with desperation during a possible elimination game and they did, taking 15 of the first 19 shots. They finally broke through goalie Chris Osgood when Staal, whose short-handed goal got the Penguins going during their 4-2 victory in Game 4, put in his own rebound early in the second period.

That 1-0 lead, as precarious as it was, held up until Kennedy also stuffed a rebound past Osgood at 5:35 of the third.

Detroit got to within 2-1 when four-time Stanley Cup winner Kris Draper ended his playoffslong slump by scoring at 8:01, but the Red Wings couldn't get the tving goal past Marc-Andre Fleury despite being on the power play twice during the third period.



NBA Finals

Magic touch Orlando shoots record 63 percent to trim L.A.'s lead

By Tom Withers The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. - Rashard Lewis stood at the free-throw line with less than one second left as several workers hurriedly broomed off confetti that had fallen prematurely onto the Amway Arena floor.

This was the sweep Orlando had waited to see for 14 years.

On their seventh attempt, the Magic, swept in four straight games by Houston on their previous visit in 1995, got their first victory in the NBA Finals.

Shooting a finals-record 63 percent from the field and clamping down on Kobe Bryant, the Magic closed within 2-1 in the best-of-seven series with a 108-104 triumph over the Los Angeles Lakers in Game 3 on Tuesday

After two straight cold performances in L.A., the Magic were more accurate than any team in NBA Finals history.

"They pretty much made all their shots," Lakers forward Trevor Ariza said.

Pretty much.

The Magic shot a blistering 75 percent (24-for-32) in the first half and cooled off in the sec-ond half when they were only 16-for-32.

The basket looked big, and Orlando hardly missed it. With a loss, the Magic would have fallen into an 0-3 crevasse — a hole from which no team has crawled. Now, they have a chance to become the fourth team in finals history to come back from an 0-2 deficit and win it all.

Why not?" Magic forward Hedo Turkoglu said. "We believe in each other and as long as we're playing our game, our system and fighting for 48 minutes — why

In the series opener, the Magic couldn't throw it in the Pacific Ocean. They made only 29.9 per-



Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant, right, is stopped by the Orlando Magic's Dwight Howard in the fourth quarter of Game 3 of the NBA Finals on Tuesday. The Magic shot the lights out for a 108-104 victory.

cent and were blown out by 25 points. In Game 2, they were only slightly better, shooting 42 percent in an overtime loss. But back on their home court, they shot themselves back into this series.

As Shaquille O'Neal, still a presence long after leaving both franchises, posted on his Twitter page following the game: "By george I think we have a series."

Game 4 is Thursday night, and Game 5 — now necessary — will be at Amway Arena on Sunday.

Bryant, seeking a fourth title

and his first since 2002, scored 31 points for the Lakers but the superstar, widely considered the game's best closer, was awful in the final minutes. He scored just 10 points in the second half, went only 4-for-15 from the field after the first quarter and looked tired in the fourth.

He also missed five free throws, points that could have given the Lakers that 3-0 lead.

"It was a bad night," he said. With their season 48 minutes from all but disappearing, the

said. "It's a seven-game series. A team has to beat you four times to end the series, and we felt good knowing that we had three games

at home."

Pau Gasol scored 23 points but

Magic had five players score

at least 18 points. Lewis and

Dwight Howard had 21 apiece,

Rafer Alston, who was just 3-for-

17 from the field in the first two

games, had 20 and Turkoglu and

no need to roll over," Howard

"We lost two games, but there's

Mickael Pietrus 18 each.

had just three rebounds, and the Lakers were only 16-for-26 from the line.

For a while, it appeared the Magic couldn't or wouldn't miss.

From 20 feet, swish. From 10 feet, nothing but net. Layups, runners, banks, pull-ups, didn't matter. You name it, if it went up, and more times than not it went in.

"We lost this game on the defensive end," Bryant said. "We had been playing very good defense and the team tonight shoots 62 percent from the field."

Despite Orlando's spectacular shooting, the Lakers went into the fourth quarter down just 81-75.

After Pietrus was long with a wide-open three, Gasol was fouled at the other end and made two free throws to make it 99-all with 2:41 remaining.

"Oh, boy," muttered one fan near the media section.

But Pietrus calmed fears by dunking in a rare miss to put the Magic up two, and when Lewis hit a jumper — it was called a three but replays showed his right foot was on the line - Orlando was up 104-101. Bryant then had a chance to pull the Lakers within one, but made only one of two free throws.

The Lakers got the ball back but Bryant, who scored 17 in the first quarter and 21 by halftime, tried to do too much on the next possession. He crossed over to get past Pietrus, but Howard, the league's defensive player of the year known mostly for his blocks underneath, made like a point guard and tipped the ball away. Pietrus was fouled and made both to make it 106-102.

"It's disappointing," Bryant said. "I'm used to coming through in those situations. The team trusts me to come through in those situations and it just didn't happen tonight. Just got to bounce back."

Kings choose former Suns coach Westphal

By GREG BEACHAM

The Associated Press

The Sacramento Kings reached an agreement in principle late Tuesday night for Paul Westphal to be their fourth coach in just more than three years.

Westphal, a longtime NBA player and coach, went 267-159 during parts of seven seasons as coach of the Phoenix Suns and Seattle SuperSonics. He replaces interim coach Kenny Natt, who was fired after the Kings finished 17-65, the worst record in the NBA and in franchise history.

"We set some parameters at the start of this coaching search to look for a successful, experienced leader, and Paul certainly meets those qualifications," said Geoff Petrie, the Kings' top basketball executive. "He has a wealth of experience in the NBA as both a coach and player."

Westphal is Sacramento's latest attempt to

replace Rick Adelman, who was fired by owners Joe and Gavin Maloof in 2006 after eight straight playoff appearances and winning

The Kings fired Eric Musselman in 2007 after one tumultuous season, and NBA coaching newcomer Reggie Theus barely made it into his second campaign before being fired last December. Natt wasn't retained after finishing a miserable season with Sacramento, which even slipped to the No. 4 draft slot in last month's lottery.

Westphal's impressive NBA coaching record includes one trip to the finals with Phoenix, but he has spent just one season on an NBA bench since late 2000, as an assistant in

"I'm really excited," Westphal said in a news release from the Kings. "This is a great opportunity, and I really appreciate the confidence the Maloofs and Geoff Petrie are showing me. I can't wait to get to work."

Westphal spent the season as the Mavericks' executive vice president of basketball operations after his one-year stint as an assistant. He first interviewed for the job in Sacramento three weeks ago, and the Kings also spoke to Eddie Jordan, Kurt Rambis and Tom Thibodeau before additional interviews with

Westphal led the Suns to the NBA Finals in his first season as coach in 1992-93, and Phoenix made the playoffs two more times before the club dismissed him during the 1995-96 season. He took over the Sonics in 1998, reaching the playoffs in 2000 before getting fired 15 games into the following season.

He had less success during five subsequent seasons at Pepperdine, where he went 76-72. He dabbled in broadcasting before joining the Mavericks in 2007.

The former first-round draft pick from Southern California also played 12 NBA seasons with four teams.

NBA scoreboard

NBA Finals

(Rest-of-7)
Orlando vs. L.A. Lakers
L.A. Lakers 100, Orlando 75
L.A. Lakers 100, Orlando 95, OT
Tuesday: Orlando 108, L.A. Lakers 104,
A. Lakers lead series 2-1
Thursday: L.A. Lakers at Orlando
Sunday: L.A. Lakers at Orlando
Tuesday: Orlando at L.A. Lakers*
Thursday, June 18: Orlando at L.A. Lakers*

Lakers* *-If necessary

Tuesday Magic 108, Lakers 104

Magic 108, Lakers 104
L.A. LAKERS — Ariza 5-13 1-2 13, Gasol
9-11 5-6 23, Bynum 2-6 0-1 4, Fisher 4-9
0-0 9, Bryant 11-25 5-10 31, Odom 4-6 3-5
11, Farmar 4-6 2-2 11, Mbenga 0-0 0-0 0,
Vujacic 0-1 0-0 0, Walton 1-1 0-0 2. Totals
40-78 16-26 104.

ORLANDO — Turkoglu 7-12 3-4 18, Lewis 8-14 2-2 21, Howard 5-6 11-16 21, Alston
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Emotional Mickelson returns to PGA Tour

By Doug Ferguson The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — An emotional Phil Mickelson returned to the PGA Tour on Wednesday, trying to keep some normalcy in a life that has been turned upside down by the discovery that his wife has breast cancer.

Mickelson will play the St. Jude Classic, which starts Thursday, and then return to Bethpage Black on Long Island for the U.S. Open. He is a popular figure in New York, and the runner-up to Tiger Woods at Bethpage in 2002.

He isn't sure what to expect from his game this week or next.

"I'm not playing just to play," Mickelson said, whose white cap featured a patch in the shape of a pink ribbon, the symbol of breast cancer. "Bethpage is a golf course that suits my game. I love that course. Obviously, I'm playing because I believe I can win. That's the goal."

Mickelson was at Bethpage on Tuesday for a practice round.

His voice cracked at times Wednesday while talking about his wife, Amy, one of the most popular figures on the PGA Tour.

He said the cancer was discovered early enough that she won't have to rush into surgery or make quick decisions. He expects surgery the first week in July, and only then will they have a better idea what they are facing.

Mickelson sounded as though he would play more than the U.S. Open. He just wasn't sure what tournaments.

"Throughout this year, we'll have a lot of treatment," he said. "We'll try to do normal things, like playing golf tournaments."

His three children are going camping with their grandparents this week, while Amy spends time with her closest friends. Mickelson said it was unlikely she would be at the U.S. Open — the first major she has missed — because of the emotion.

"It's difficult to face a lot of people ... when you're seeing people crying," Mickelson said.

Mickelson has done his crying alone.

Supremely confident on the golf course, Mickelson said the emotions of watching his wife deal with breast cancer are new to him.

"I've never felt this emotion," he said. "I'll be driving alone and start crying. It's weird."

Golf has been part of their lives for the 16 years they have been together, and Mickelson is curious to see how he can separate a wife coping with cancer and the concentration required inside the ropes.

"I'm looking forward to the four to five hours," he said, "where I'll be able to focus on something else."



Tim Floyd, being es corted off the court by forward O.J. Mayo after being ejected against Wash-ington State in 2008, resigned as USC coach on Tuesday amid allegations that he paid to get Mayo to play for the Trojans.

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Sports briefs

Floyd quits USC amid payoff claims

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Tim Floyd took Southern California's basketball program from also-ran status to three consecutive NCAA tournament appearances. Now he's gone, having resigned amid allegations that he paid to have O.J. Mayo delivered to the Trojans.

Floyd submitted a one-paragraph letter to USC athletic director Mike Garrett on Tuesday, saying he was quitting after four seasons because he no longer had full enthusiasm for his job. "I accept Tim's decision and wish him well," Garrett said in a

Floyd's departure signals another reversal of fortune for the basketball program since the season ended. In May, YahooSports. com reported that Louis Johnson, a former associate of Mayo's, told federal and NCAA investigators that Floyd paid \$1,000 in cash to Rodney Guillory, who steered Mayo to USC. Johnson, a former associate of Guillory, has alleged that Guillory received hundreds of thousands of dollars from a sports agency that he partially funneled to Mayo.

Mayo played one season for the Trojans before leaving for the NBA. He plays for the Memphis Grizzlies. Floyd has never addressed the allegations involving Mayo. If the NCAA can prove Floyd paid to have Mayo delivered to USC, that would be a major violation. The Trojans could be forced to forfeit victories, and they could face recruiting restrictions and lose scholarships.

Floyd, 55, had an 85-50 record at USC. Last season, he guided the Trojans to their third consecutive NCAA tournament appearance — a first in school history. Floyd's other college stints were at Iowa State, New Orleans and Idaho. His college record in 16 years was 328-180. He coached the NBA's Chicago Bulls from 1999-2002 and the New Orleans Hornets from 2003-04.

Winning Pick 6 ticket worth \$969,345

NEW YORK — One person correctly selected the winners of all six graded stakes races for the Pick 6 on Belmont Stakes day. The ticket was worth \$969,345.

The winning ticket was pur-

chased for \$96 using Youbet. com. The holder of the ticket wasn't identified by the New York Racing Association.

The better hit on some long shots, including Belmont Stakes winner Summer Bird, who paid \$25.80 to win, and Gabby's Golden Girl, who paid \$28.40 to win the Acorn Stakes.

A-Rod tell-all off best-seller lists

NEW YORK — Remember that tell-all book about A-Rod?

Just a month after making headlines with its allegations that the New York Yankees star likely used steroids in high school, Selena Roberts' "A-Rod: The Many Lives of Alex Rodriguez" has vanished from best-seller lists.

Published in early May by HarperCollins with an announced first printing of 150,000, "A-Rod" has sold just 16,000 copies, according to Nielsen BookScan, which tracks about 75 percent of industry sales. The book sold 11,000 in its first week, then quickly faded.

At the Rizzoli Bookstore in midtown Manhattan, "A-Rod" has sold two copies. Twenty-seven copies have sold at Posman Books, based in Grand Central Terminal, but none in the past two weeks.

"I don't think he's ever been embraced by serious fans," Logan Fox, a manager at Posman, said Wednesday. "He's still considered an outsider."

"A-Rod" fell off The New York Times' hardcover list of non-fiction best-sellers after three weeks, peaking at No. 9 in late May. As of Wednesday afternoon, the book ranked No. 2,904 on Amazon.com.

Prosecutors plan to drop McIntyre's exposure charge

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — A misdemeanor exposure charge against Buffalo Bills fullback Corey McIntyre will be dropped after authorities say a witness offered questionable statements.

The State Attorney's Office said Wednesday the victim's identification of McIntyre as the suspect was questionable, and prosecutors planned to file paperwork to drop the charge.

Another possible suspect has been arrested in a similar case, police said. McIntyre was arrested last month on accusations that he fondled himself outside a Port St. Lucie woman's home about 100 miles north of Miami. The incident occurred in March, and McIntyre had been free on \$10,000 bond.

He has denied the charge, saying he was riding his bike in the area on the day he was detained by police, and the victim identified him as the suspect. In later interviews, the woman said she never saw the suspect's genitals, and couldn't positively identify McIntyre.

On Monday, authorities arrested a man accused of exposing himself on June 2 in the same area where McIntyre had been riding his bike.

In other NFL news:

■ Minnesota coach Brad Childress said he never set a deadline of this week for Brett Favre to decide whether to play for the Vikings. Childress called local sports radio station KFAN on his way to work Wednesday. He wouldn't confirm if the team will continue to pursue Favre, but acknowledged he's eager to see what Favre has "left in that can" following recent reported surgery on his throwing arm.

■ NFL commissioner Roger Goodell and Seattle Seahawks coach Jim Mora will be part of a group to begin climbing Mount Rainier on July 5 to benefit the United Way of King County, Washington

Montana's son chooses Washington Huskies

SEATTLE — Oaks Christian High School coach Bill Redell said Washington is getting a great player in quarterback Nick Montana, the son of former NFL great Joe Montana.

Redell told The Associated Press that Nick Montana had given a verbal commitment to Washington coach Steve Sarkisian.

Montana is rated among the top quarterbacks in the class of 2010. Montana had scholarship offers from Ohio State, LSU, Alabama, Georgia and his dad's alma mater, Notre Dame, among others.

Montana says he isn't deterred by Washington's 0-12 record last season. He visited the campus last weekend with his

arents.

Manny visits teammates in Dodgers clubhouse

LOS ANGELES — Manny Ramirez visited his Dodgers teammates before their game against San Diego on Tuesday, popping into the clubhouse before a home game for the first time since his suspension for violating baseball's drug policy.

The dreadlocked slugger, who also talked to manager Joe Torre, said he wasn't going to formally address the media about what led to his 50-game ban because it's in the past. "I don't want to be a distraction for this team," Ramirez said. "What happened, happened. I spoke to (owner) Frank McCourt, I apologized, I spoke to Joe, my teammates and I'm ready to move on. I didn't kill nobody, I didn't rape nobody, so that's it, I'm just going to come and play the game."

Torre acknowledged that Ramirez's visit surprised him.

"I can't speak for everybody else, but it did me," Torre said. "We had heard that he would possibly show up last week — and he has been showing up, but not when we're here. But, again, I still think he's uneasy being around, until he starts playing again. That's what he wants to do."

Furthermore ...

■ Former Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne, 72, who also served in Congress, will remain Huskers athletic director. There had been speculation that the three-time national championship winner would retire.

Mike Tyson married for a third time. The owner of the La Bella Wedding Chapel at the Las Vegas Hilton hotel-casino said the former heavyweight boxing champion and his bride, Lakiha Spicer, exchanged vows late Saturday in a private event.

■ Canadian billionaire Jim Balsillie said he's one step closer to bringing the NHL's Phoenix Coyotes to southern Ontario. Balsillie made the statement a day after a hearing in U.S. Bankruptcy Court on his bid to buy the Coyotes. Judge Redfield T. Baum indicated the NHL is entitled to a relocation fee, and if Balsillie balks at the fee as too high, his bid would evaporate.

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STANLEY CUP FINALS

Title hinges on Game 7 after Pens even series

By Alan Robinson The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Every kid growing up with a hockey stick and a notion of being an NHL player wants to be in Game 7 of the Stanley Cup finals. Sidney Crosby always did. Tyler Kennedy estimates he played a thousand Game 7s in his driveway

The Detroit Red Wings insist they can't wait for this one Friday night, back in the arena where they rarely lose and the Pittsburgh Penguins appear hesitant and a bit intimidated.

They're not entirely convincing when they say it.

No doubt the Red Wings didn't want to take it this far after dominating three of the first five games, yet Pittsburgh's desperation 2-1 victory Tuesday in Game 6 extended a flighty finals in which almost no game resembles the one before it.

That's what must worry the Red Wings more than a little, despite their 11-2 scoring edge against Pittsburgh at home and the 11 Stanley Cup championship banners that hang from the Joe Louis Arena rafters.

Nothing seems to be going as scripted, such as third-line forwards Jordan Staal and Kennedy scoring Pittsburgh's goals in Game 6, so who's to say what will happen in Gamé 7.

"We've got an amazing opportunity here," Crosby said after the Penguins took a 2-0 lead early in the third, then held off surge after surge from Detroit.

A year ago, the Red Wings paraded with the Stanley Cup in Mellon Arena after winning 3-2 in Game 6. This time, with the Cup in the building again, the Penguins made





Detroit's Marian Hossa, above right, crashes into Pittsburgh goalie Marc-Andre Fleury during the third period in Game 6 of the Stanley Cup finals on Tuesday. Fleury withstood a barrage after Tyler Kennedy, photo at left, gave Pittsburgh a two-goal lead.

certain the silver trophy wasn't handed out on the silver anniversary of franchise icon Mario Lemieux being drafted in 1984.

'We weren't thinking about last year at all," Crosby said. "But we found a way to survive. And now it's anyone's game. It's going to be a great challenge."

For both teams. The Red Wings can win their fifth championship in the past dozen seasons, a wave of success that no other team in the four major American pro sports leagues has duplicated during that

"Going back at home, I think we feel pretty comfortable," Darren Helm said.

And the Red Wings should, given their 11-1 record there in these playoffs. Also, the home team has won each of the past six finals Game 7s dating to 1987, and no road team has raised the Cup following a Game 7 since Montreal in Chicago in 1971. That's the last time a team lost the first two games on the road, as the Penguins did, and recovered to win the Stanley Cup.

Still, there's this for the Red Wings to think about: Two rounds ago, Pittsburgh also lost the first two games on the road, then went into Washington for Game 7 and won 6-2.

'Game 7 is a one-game, winner takes the trophy home," Penguins coach Dan Bylsma said. "Who can put the other guy back on their heels? Who can capitalize on the power play? ... I don't have a lot of experience, but we just gave ourselves an opportunity that we didn't have before. That's one game for the Stanley Cup.

One more game than the Red Wings **SEE GAME 6 ON PAGE 29**

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